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## VIRTUAL ISOLATION OF H.K. PREDICTED

### JAPAN EXPECTS SOUTH CHINA INVASION

### Imperial Conference Will Decide To-day

Tokyo, Jan. 11.

Details of the future Japanese policy in China have not been revealed, while plans were yesterday completed for convening an Imperial conference at 2 p.m. to-day.

In Tokyo it is believed that serious matters are to be discussed. Some are convinced that the conference will deal with peace terms to be offered to China: others are certain that Japan plans to sweep South China and to capture the Canton area, virtually isolating Hongkong. There are many other surmises, but positive information is lacking.

The Imperial conference is the fifth of its kind in the history of Japan. The first two were held during the Sino-Japanese war of 1894, the third during the Russo-Japanese war, and the fourth in 1914, when Japan declared war on Germany.

The conference is expected to act speedily with regard to the various problems, and to announce its decisions immediately. Meanwhile apparently every Government department is expected to be ready to carry out the conference's decisions.

According to one prominent opinion the conference will decide to indulge in relentless warfare in the event of China failing completely to accept the Japanese terms, with the intention of continuing the hostilities until the Nanking faction is out of the picture and the Peking Government recognised and supported, financially and otherwise.

The conference will be a solemn affair, at which the Emperor will preside personally.—United Press.

#### Peace Talks Rumour

Tokyo, Jan. 11.  
Peace talk rumours have been revived by the German Ambassador, Herr von Dirksen, calling on Mr. Hirota, for what is described as an important conversation.

Meanwhile, it is understood the Cabinet is contemplating the recall of Mr. Shigeru Kawagoe, the Japanese Ambassador from Shanghai in conformity with its policy to exterminate the anti-Japanese regime.

An Imperial conference has been convened for to-day to be attended by the Emperor for the first time during the present Emperor's reign.—Reuter.

#### Aim of Conference

Tokyo, Jan. 11.  
The Premier, Prince Konoze, obtained the Emperor's sanction for the opening of the very important Imperial conference in the presence of the Emperor at the Imperial Palace yesterday afternoon.

The conference is "designed to carry out the Government's Chinese policies to meet the new situation."—Reuter.

### CHINESE GAINS IN SHANTUNG

Defeat Japanese:  
Push Towards  
Yenchow

Haichow, Jan. 11.  
After defeating the Japanese troops which attacked Taining, the Chinese forces on the left bank of the Tientsin-Pukow Railway in Shantung are reported to be pushing vigorously toward Yenchow and Ningyang in a counter-offensive.

Simultaneously the Chinese units on the Tientsin-Pukow Railway, assisted by fresh reinforcements, are advancing on Tsowtsien and Yenchow.

Chinese military observers place high hopes in these two Chinese columns composed of crack troops. They have a good chance of halting the Japanese advance in Shantung.

Military advisers just received here state that Enghien were both recaptured by the Chinese mobile units operating in that area.—Central News.

### HONGKONG MAY BE MENACED

German Newspaper  
Says Britain  
Armed Too Late

Berlin, Jan. 11.

The Japanese occupation of Tsingtao has made a deep impression in Berlin, particularly in view of the fact that the seaport was once a German colonial possession.

Political circles are wondering whether this occupation will be a prelude to far-reaching and decisive activity of the Japanese fleet, which may involve a menace to Hongkong.

The newspaper Angriff says: "Will the British watch with folded arms the loss of the tremendously important regions around Hongkong? That is the most critical question in international politics to-day."

"Great Britain's re-armament came too late, America's has come still later," this newspaper asserts.—Reuter.

### PRESIDENT'S SON DIES IN AIR CRASH

URUGUAY TRAGEDY

Buenos Aires, Jan. 10.

Eduardo Justo, aged 27, youngest son of the President of Argentina, was among seven persons killed in an air crash during a storm over Uruguay.

The rest of the dead were army officers, including the Chief of the Military and Household and the President's A.D.C. The party was returning from a meeting between the Presidents of Brazil and Argentina. The plane caught on fire after the crash.—Reuter.

### HUNTING FIELD DEATH OF SPORTING PEER

London, Jan. 10.

The 83-year-old Marquis of Abergavenny, Lord Henry Nevill, was killed whilst out hunting to-day near Groombridge, Sussex.

He was participating in the Children's Meet at the famous Eridge Hunt, when his horse caught a foot in a strand of wire and threw the Marquis heavily on his head, breaking his neck.

The Marquis had been married three times, and he leaves no son, the title going to Major Guy Temple Montacute Lanarch-Nevill, his nephew.—Reuter.

### TSINGTAO OCCUPIED WITHOUT STRUGGLE

Germans Inform  
Japanese City  
Not Defended

Tsingtao, Jan. 11.

When the Japanese took over Tsingtao yesterday, they were met by a German delegation comprising Herr W. Ohlwein, Herr P. Hess and Herr F. Naveit, who encountered the Japanese marines about 400 strong 15 miles from the city. They informed the Japanese that Tsingtao was not defended and escorted them to the city.

Immediately on entering the Japanese marines posted patrols while the Japanese Consul, Mr. Otaka waited on board a Japanese warship until arrangements had been completed for him to go ashore and to take up his post.

The first Japanese officer to arrive in Tsingtao was Miyamoto, resident naval officer, who chatted for half an hour in the City Government building with members of the foreign volunteers. He carried a Japanese flag and soon afterwards a motor car arrived filled with Japan flags which were hoisted on various buildings throughout the city.—Reuter.

### 700,000 To Boycott Japan Goods

Important Decision  
By London Body

London, Jan. 10.

In connection with the London Co-operative Society's decision to boycott Japanese goods, it is pointed out that the Society's buyers had previously instructed not to purchase Japanese goods when alternatives were available.

The new decision rules out all Japanese purchases except those specifically authorised by the managing committee of the Society.

The London Co-operative Society, representing 700,000 members decided to cease purchasing Japanese goods as a result of representations from many quarters. It also draws attention to the fact that the Co-operative Wholesale Society, representing 8,000,000 members, is being asked to take similar action.

"We are distressed at the indiscriminate bombings of Chinese women and children, and have addressed Mr. Anthony Eden, Lord Cranborne and Geneva, voicing our indignation," says the notice.—Reuter.

#### TRADE UNIONS UNDECIDED

London, Jan. 11.

The meeting of the leaders of the Trade Union Congress reached no definite decision regarding the question of an official embargo on Japanese goods, but it was decided to refer the attitude and views of the Labour Movement to Continental Labour and trade union leaders at a meeting in Brussels on January 15. This is a joint international meeting. It depends that everything will depend upon the attitude of the Continental labourites.—Reuter.

Thus, though it may be possible the Council will go some way in meeting the Japanese desires, the measures will be temporary. It must be understood they are only temporary.

In other words the Council is limited in action to the immediate concern of maintaining law and order without prejudicing the rights of the interested powers.—Reuter.

CALL ON PRIME MINISTER  
London, Jan. 11.  
Sir Hugh Knatchbull-Hugessen, who arrived in London only a few days ago, called on the Prime Minister, Mr. Neville Chamberlain, at No. 10 Downing Street to-day. He was with the Prime Minister for twenty minutes.

The new Ambassador, Sir Kerr Clark Kerr, called at No. 10 Downing Street a short time later.—Reuter.



More than 12,000 lantern-bearers, formed a huge parade in Tokyo when announcement was made of the signing of the Italo-German-Japanese anti-Comintern pact in Rome. Above, Foreign Minister Koki Hirota, centre; German Ambassador Herbert von Dirksen, right, and Italian Ambassador Giacinto Auriti, left, acknowledge cheers.

### SHANGHAI RESIDENTS ASKING FOR FIRM STAND BY BRITAIN

London, Jan. 11.

Mr. A. C. Moreing, M.P., Chairman of the China Committee saw Mr. Neville Chamberlain, the Prime Minister, for 20 minutes this afternoon, to whom he conveyed the representations received from British residents in China urging the Government not to yield to the various Japanese demands, and offering the opinion that with the backing of the British and American governments, the Shanghai Municipal Council was prepared to stand firm against the Japanese demands to strengthen Japanese representation on the Council.

The representations also expressed apprehension lest the Government allow temporary concessions to the Japanese.

Sir Alexander Cadogan, Under-Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs, gave an interesting luncheon to-day to Mr. Quo Tai-chi, the Chinese Ambassador, Sir Archibald Clark Kerr, the new British Ambassador to China, and Sir Hugh Knatchbull-Hugessen, the former British Ambassador to China, who was wounded by Japanese machine-gun bullets.—Reuter.

#### Must Make Distinction

London, Jan. 11.  
In connection with the Japanese demands for more representation on the Shanghai Municipal Council and other concessions, well-informed quarters in London feel it is necessary to make a distinction between such temporary measures as may be needed and any changes of a more general character which cannot be considered hastily, and must only be considered through normal procedure.

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### Roosevelt Opposes War Referendum

Washington, Jan. 10.

A letter from President Franklin Roosevelt warning Congress that the proposed war referendum would "cripple any President in his conduct of our foreign relations" was read to-day to the House of Representatives.

The letter added that such an amendment would encourage others to believe they could violate American rights with impunity.—Reuter.

#### SPEAKER DENOUNCES REFERENDUM

Washington, Jan. 10.

The leaders of the House subsequently joined with the President in condemning the amendment, and Representative Bankhead left the Speaker's rostrum to speak against it. He said he was not willing that his colleagues should "abandon the judgment of the farmers of our Constitution and say the people were no longer willing to trust their chosen representatives or the chief executive of the United States, who loves peace as much as any man, in the world."

It is very seldom that Mr. Bankhead takes the floor to discuss legislative proposals.—Reuter.

### China To Adopt Wholesale Guerilla Tactics

### LATEST STRATEGY EXPECTED TO REAP RICH REWARD

### Hope To Lure Invaders Into The Interior

Hankow, Jan. 11.

A few weeks ago, or about four months after the beginning of Sino-Japanese hostilities, guerilla warfare tactics were popularly adopted by all troops in China, though they were first only employed by the former communist armies in the Shansi province. Now the general tendency is for the re-organisation of almost all the Chinese national troops and provincial troops into guerilla units.

Generalissimo Chiang Kai-shek has repeatedly announced that China is sure of eventual victory because she is ready to engage in widespread guerilla warfare with the Japanese when the invaders have been dragged into the vast plains, river valley and mountain ranges of the interior.

### SOVIET RAID ON BISHOPS

Twenty-One Arrested,  
Charged With  
Espionage

Moscow, Jan. 10.

Twenty-one bishops have been arrested since the end of November, according to the Soviet press.

The most important heads of the Russian Church, including the acting Patriarch and Metropolitan Bishop, Sergei Krutitski, and Father Vitay, chief of the Soviets new-fangled "Living Church" are denounced in the newspaper Gorki Commune, and have probably been arrested.

The charges include organising a network of espionage and terrorist circles connected with the Fascist intelligence service.—Reuter.

### LINDBERGH REWARD DIVIDED

Over 100 Persons  
Share \$25,000

Trenton, N.J., Jan. 10.

The Governor of New Jersey, Mr. Harold Hoffman, to-day divided the State's \$25,000 reward for the capture of the Lindbergh baby's kidnapper among over 100 persons. The largest share was \$7,500, and went to Walter Lyle, former New York petrol station operator.

It was Lyle who identified the note which led to the arrest and ultimate conviction of Richard Bruno Hauptmann, who was executed for the crime.

The second largest share, \$5,000, went to William Allen, a negro truck driver, who discovered the body of the baby.—Reuter.

### NANNING RAID PROTEST

Paris, Jan. 10.

Authoritative circles have indicated that it is possible the French Government will protest to Japan with regard to the bombing of the French Catholic Mission during an air raid on Nanning.—Reuter.

Information from all fronts, at present in Shantung, Shansi, Chekiang and central Anhwei, reveals that all commanders in charge of respective fronts have been given the duty of re-organising their troops into guerilla units under the direction of the highest military command.

Admiral Shen Hung-chen, Mayor of Tsingtao, voluntarily gave up Tsingtao on New Year's Eve because he was instructed to organise his bluejackets into guerilla units to meet the invaders in the Chuhshien-Yishui area, south-east of Shantung.

General Han Fu-chu, Shantung's Governor, is busy despatching guerilla units to disturb the Japanese rear forces even north of the Yellow River, to say nothing of the Japanese rear forces in the Yenchow and Tsinling districts.

Chinese troops defending central Anhwei, namely the Pengpu and Hefei areas have all been re-organised into guerilla units. Japanese vanguards both on the southern and northern sections of the Tientsin-Pukow railway line are said (Continued on Page 12.)

### STOP PRESS

### BELGIAN LEAPS OFF STEAMSHIP

A Belgian mining engineer, M. Van den Eede Alois, 43, leaped to his death from the French liner D'Artagnan as the ship was nearing Hongkong yesterday.

The vessel immediately heaved to and a boat was lowered. But M. Alois was dead when picked up. Report of the tragedy was made as soon as the ship docked this morning.

The Belgian Consulate-General states that the funeral of M. Alois will take place to-morrow morning.

### JAPANESE RAID HSUCHOW

Haichow, Jan. 11.  
Six Japanese light bombers which came from outside the Lanchow Harbour raided Haichow at 4 o'clock yesterday afternoon.

The raiders dropped 49 bombs in the north-eastern suburbs. Chinese anti-aircraft guns fired at them.—Central News.

(Further Stop Press News on Page 12.)



## Radiant Spinsters

Spinsters are more criticised than war chiefs, and perhaps more discussed than the Far Eastern situation or the Income-tax.

Some say we are selfish because we prefer our freedom, and others, having successfully gained a husband themselves, pity us because there are not enough men to go round; and still others fear us as dangerous females, smartly dressed, with plenty of leisure, ready to give consolation to another harassed woman's husband at the slightest provocation.

But the radiant spinsters of to-day lead the world. Women who, if they have not got husbands, have their jobs which often benefit huge numbers of people, and into which the richness of a personality, with time for leisure and cultural activity, can be poured.

Take a look at some of the leading spinsters of to-day.

Brown-haired Caroline Haslett started as a 10s a week apprentice in an engineering office, and now earns a four-figure salary as Director of the Electrical Association for Women, and is head of 7,000 women.

Popular Margery Fry, ex-Principal of Somerville College, Oxford, is a keen penal reformer. She was a great favourite with the students at Oxford.

The Hon. Dorothy Paget is worth several millions. Once she owned a fleet of racing cars, now she is a big racehorse owner.

And who is happier than Edith Evans, the actress? "I'm happiest doing work I love, surrounded by people I love," she said.

And then there are thousands of spinsters, not so eminent, but who, nevertheless contribute their share to modern life.

### The Modern Maiden Aunts

There may no longer be maiden aunts to look after little nieces and nephews, when mother is ill or busy, but these same aunts are now living in bachelor flats, as office workers, professional or technical workers holding together the vast structure of modern industry, women who manage to get lots of kick out of life, with their theatre parties, week-end cottages, socials, and often foreign travels.

And, of course, we must not forget the bachelor woman living at home with an invalid or aged parent, and perhaps helping to keep the home going.

She may not, in fact does not, lead the glamorous life of her freer sister, but who can measure the value of the worth of her job?

No, eminent spinsters, ordinary everyday spinsters lead the world. Gone are the days when the unmarried daughter was a liability, and gone are the days when she was just tolerated. She is not only an asset, she is top of the pole! M. B.

## Cooking Hints

SAVE the best leaves from celery tops and dry them in the oven until they are quite brittle. When rubbed into powder and stored in stoppered bottles, they are excellent for flavouring purposes.

When reheating a meat or fruit pie, place the dish in a greaseproof bag, for then the crust will not be hard when the pie is hot.

Instead of putting in the usual orange or banana when making a jelly, try adding a grated dessert apple just before it sets, as it is delicious served with or without cream.

When making pastry that is to be served cold, use milk instead of water, for the pastry will then keep short and crisp much longer.

To prevent pastry from rising and spoiling the appearance of custard tarts, spread butter on the pastry before putting in the custard mixture.

Sausages will not burst if fried in butter or lard. Allow the fat to become fairly hot, put in the sausages and turn them over lengthwise with a broad knife.

Fruit pies will not be spoilt by juice running out if the sugar is put in the pie-dish before the fruit instead of on top.

A cake which sticks to the tin can usually be loosened by placing the sides and bottom in a bowl of boiling water.

Candied peel, glace cherries, and preserved ginger will chop more easily if warmed slightly beforehand. Similarly, parsley will chop quite easily if first washed in cold water, placed in a small basin, and covered with boiling water for ten minutes.

Before frying onions, boil them for ten minutes and this will prevent them from burning and turning black.

When cooking fish, fill the pan with cold water containing a tablespoonful of vinegar, for this will prevent the usual odour.

Use a tablespoonful of golden syrup instead of white sugar when stewing apples, figs, or prunes, and the juice will be thicker and sweeter.

When cooking vegetables, add a small knob of butter or dripping to the boiling water as this helps them to cook quickly and brings out their full flavour, besides preventing the water boiling over.

G. G. T.

# The Queen's new Overall

QUEEN ELIZABETH is a true housewife and takes a personal interest in the supervision of her Palace and Castle homes. She has just bought an attractive and practical overall. It is cut on the lines of an artist's smock, and slips on like a coat, being loose enough to wear comfortably over any dress or suit; a Latin Quarter bow of black ribbon fastens it at the neck, and there is one button half-way down the front. All the edges, including those of the two large pockets, are finished with green binding; the overall is made of painted linen figured, and has a gay pastoral design "after William Morris" in red, green, blue, brown and white.

Home Page Cook tells Mrs. Wimblestraw

## Some home truths

### about

### (a) herrings

### (b) pheasants

YOU were hoping you would run into me, were you, Mrs. Wimblestraw?

You have succeeded beyond your wildest dreams. You nearly knocked me over.

That is what comes of trying to remember a recipe, is it? Then refrain from attempting such feats of memory outside the security of the home.

It was a recipe about herrings, was it? And it began, "Ask your fishmonger to fillet the herrings." Then forget it.

If I asked my fishmonger to fillet herrings for me, he would probably never speak to me again. Since I admire his talents as a conversationalist, I have always refrained from asking him such a silly question.

YOU can try to fillet your own herrings if you like, but I don't advise it. You know how one is apt to eat a fillet of fish without any fear of the consequences. One has a simple faith in all the bones being gone.

Now, a herring has a lot of awkward little bones, and you would probably leave some of them in it, my fumbling old Wimblestraw. You see the point, don't you? I should hate you to feel it.

If you are anxious for a change and from the plainly fried and grilled, sprinkle the herrings with pepper and salt, coat them well with cat-

meal, and fry them in plenty of the best dripping.

DID you know that you can cook them without any fat at all except their own? You want a thick iron frying-pan for this. Cover the bottom with a good layer of salt, lay the herrings on this, and cook them slowly.

If you try to speed them up they will stick. Herrings cooked in this way are so delicious that many people, once they have tried it, can hardly be persuaded to revert to any other method.

You are gazing at me with a dubious eye, Mrs. Wimblestraw. It pains me, because I always tell the truth about herrings.

WHAT is that? Some one has sent you a pheasant, and can I—? Certainly, dear lady. Any day, except Friday. Oh, I am so sorry. I thought you were asking me to dine.

You merely want instructions as to how to tell whether the bird is young or old. I am extra-ordinarily good at telling the age of anything. Quite an embarrassing accomplishment sometimes, as you should be the first to admit, old dear.

From your description of its gay plumage you have obviously been sent a cock pheasant. The tale of its age is in its spurs. If these are short and blunt the bird is at its tenderest and in its first season.

If the spurs are still short, but pointed, it is a second-season bird. If they are not only pointed but long, I fear that the person who sent the pheasant to you is no true friend. Invite him (or her) to come and dine off it.

How long should a pheasant be in this cold weather at least a week.

YOU have heard of Cumberland rum butter, and are most anxious to try it? You would be.

Warm ½ lb. each of butter and Demerara sugar in a basin, cream them, and add three tablespoonfuls of rum and a little grated nutmeg. Beat the mixture well together, and put into shallow glass tins.

Spread it like jam on biscuits. But not too thickly, please, Mrs. Wimblestraw.

If you are anxious for a change and from the plainly fried and grilled, sprinkle the herrings with pepper and salt, coat them well with cat-

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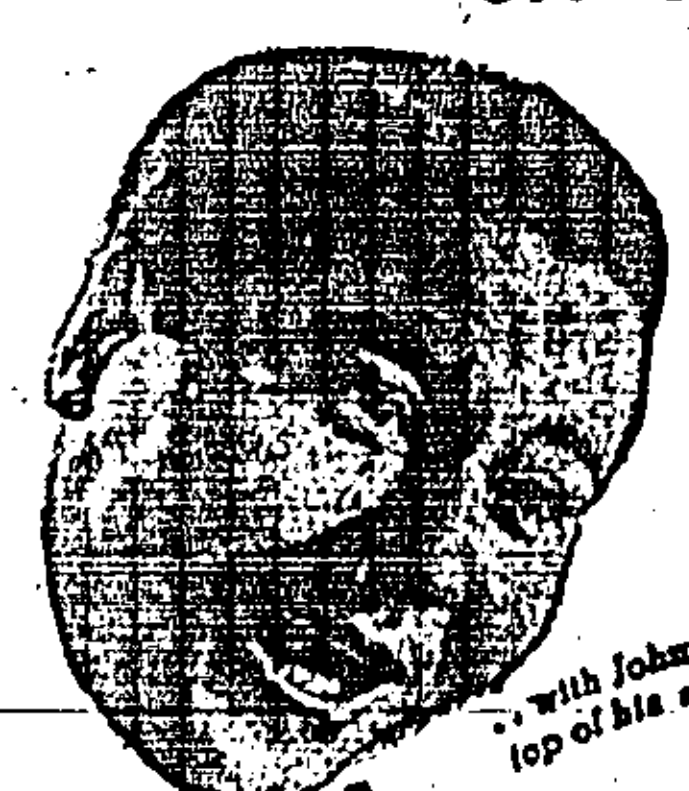
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# CAPTURED TOGOLAND BY BLUFF

## Two Men And A White Flag: 'Gen. Togo' Talks

By JOHN RICKMAN

Twenty-three years after he planned and carried out one of the most audacious campaigns of the Great War, Lieut.-Col. Frederick Carkeet Bryant—"General Togo" to 1914 War Office chiefs—received, recently the first public tribute to his coup.

Within a few days of the outbreak of war he bluffed the Germans out of the key positions in Togoland. It was a master stroke which resulted in the fall of Kamena, then the second-biggest wireless station in the world.

The story was first told recently by Major-General Sir Reginald Hoskins and Lord Davidson at the Ashridge Fellowship reunion at the Bonar Law College, Berkhamsted, Hertfordshire.

Determined to find this man whose prizes had been so tardily sung, I inquired for him near Market Harborough, where, until recently, he has ridden hard to hounds 'year after year, but it was in sportive clutches of an armchair in the Bath Club that I finally ran him to earth.

"Fog kept me here"—his words came to me through the haze of after-luncheon tobacco smoke. "Lucky to catch me. Let's go somewhere fresher." We did, and as we walked he told me...

"I was in Kumasi at the beginning of August 14. Both my chief and the second in command were in England, and I, a captain in the Gold Coast Frontier Force, was senior officer in their absence.

"I realised that speed was essential, so I cabled the Colonial Office that I was going to act. Togoland being a neighbour to the Gold Coast and a German possession, I knew I had to do something about it.

### FORCE OF 1,000

"I gave orders at once to a Captain Barker and a Mr. Newlands, who was attached to the political branch of the Colonial Service, to go to Lome, the German port, and carrying a white flag to enter the town and tell the Germans that large forces were advancing on the town from several directions.

"They did this. There was a heated discussion during the night between the Germans, but at last they

left the town in the early hours. "When I heard that my plan had succeeded and that the Germans had even been bluffing into leaving their rifles behind, I shipped my entire force of 1,000 natives and a few French, police and white volunteers, from Accra to Lome.

"We pushed up country from Lome, scrapping all the time. I bluffed again, and our opponents vacated Kamena, thus leaving their vitally important radio station in our hands. Kamena was in nightly touch with Berlin, even in those days.

"And that," said "General Togo," "is all I can say about that. Never talk about it as a rule."

This is how Sir Reginald Hoskins, who was at the Colonial Office during the war, told the story at the Ashridge Fellowship recently.

"One day we received a code message from a young subaltern in the Cameroons, who had under his command 'two men and a boy,' announcing that he was going to take Togoland."

"While we were preparing a suitable cable to send him another cable arrived saying that he had made a reconnaissance of the enemy's position and intended to attack. The next morning another message arrived saying that he had attacked and that all was well.

"By this time we called him General Togo."

Lord Davidson said that the young officer's telegram was, "Togoland surrendered to me 8 a.m."



**PRINCESS WRESTLER.**—Despite her father's threat to disinherit her, Princess Baba, youngest daughter of the British Rajah of Sarawak, in northern Borneo, was married to Bob Gregory, champion of the European heavyweight wrestling title. Above, they leave the Marylebone registry office, London, after the ceremony. She gave her name as Valeria Brooks.

## Rich Boy Finds Life As Hobo Too Tough

New York.

Alfred Knopf, junior son of a prominent and wealthy New York publisher, sat in Salt Lake City Police Station recently, his feet bare and grimy, his skirt and trousers torn.

Knopf disappeared recently. Police of eight States, urged by his parents who feared that their son might have been kidnapped, searched for him.

Late one night detectives found him at Salt Lake City, and took him to jail. Then Knopf sent a telegram to his father asking for money.

Knopf said that he had tried the life of a vagrant and hobo for a week. He found it tough.

"I hitch-hiked through half a dozen towns searching for a job.

I searched through the advertisements, and I walked for miles and miles.

"In all the seven days I slept in a bed only once. Truck drivers were the kindest people of all to me. For the most part people seemed to be a bunch of snobs.

"Why did I run out when my family's got money? I wanted to do something myself."

Knopf flew back to New York later in the day.

## CHILD'S LIFE VALUED BY A POEM

Mr. Justice Greaves-Lord quoted verses on life (Du Maurier 1834-1896) in the King's Bench Division recently, when awarding £1,500 damages to the father and twin sister of a child street accident victim for the loss of the normal expectation of her life.

The child, Hilda Peggy Trubyfield, aged eight, was run over in a Cheltenham street last February by a Great Western Railway Company dray. The judge quoted:

"A little work, a little play To keep us going— And so, good day."

"A little warmth, a little light Of love's bestowing— And so, good night."

"A little fun to match the sorrow Of each day's going— And so, good morning."

Claims were made by the father, Thomas Charles Trubyfield, and the twin sister, Joyce Muriel Trubyfield, of Swinton Road, Cheltenham. Joyce sought damages for the shock suffered, at seeing Hilda killed.

### ON THEIR WAY HOME

The children were on their way home in Swinton Road when Hilda collided with the horse and dray, which was emerging from a yard and crossing the pavement.

The railway company denied that their driver was negligent, and pleaded that there was contributory negligence on the part of the child.

Mr. Justice Greaves-Lord found that the only effective negligence was that of the driver of the dray.

He said the claim for the loss of the normal expectation of life presented a difficult problem. The period by which her life had been shortened was the difference between her age at death and the normal span of life of such a girl.

Everybody had a sort of general notion of the likelihood of life, and everybody was a little inclined to look on the optimistic side.

What had really to be valued was life as a whole, with all its various incidents, and apparently with certain strict restrictions.

### TERRORS OF CHILD LIFE

In regard to a very young infant, the question of probability had to be taken very seriously into account, because any infant had to meet all the terrors of child life and such ailments.

What was life going to be worth to a healthy young woman as the child might have become, earning her own living with dependent parents to whom she would be discharging her duty, and with some prospects of marriage?

Stay of execution was granted, pending notice of appeal.

## AROUND THE EMPIRE

### AUSTRALIA AND NEW GUINEA

Sydney. The Federal Government has decided to abandon Rabaul as the capital of the mandated territory of New Guinea.

The decision, which was announced to-day in the speech of Lord Gowrie, the Governor-General, at the opening of the new Parliament, has been taken because of the danger from volcanic eruptions.

Rabaul, the chief town of New Britain Island, was visited by a disastrous eruption in May. An expert on volcanoes, from the Dutch East Indies, has reported that the town will be always liable to a recurrence.

The future capital has not yet been definitely decided upon. It is believed, however, that it will be Salamauva.

Attitude to Anglo-U.S. Talks.—Lord Gowrie declared, in his speech at the opening of Parliament, that the Australian Government would welcome a cordial understanding between Great Britain and the United States. Australia was prepared to play her part in the conclusion of a satisfactory understanding provided Australian interests were adequately safeguarded.

£8,000,000 Loan.—The new international public works loan of £8,000,000, the issue of which was announced by Mr. R. G. Casey, Commonwealth Treasurer, yesterday, has been well received.

Referendum in Victoria.—Mr. Dunstan, Premier of Victoria, proposes, with Socialist support, to submit the Legislative Council Reform Bill to a referendum in February or March should the Council fail to accept it.

Infantile Paralysis.—The thousandth case and the 57th death in the infantile paralysis outbreak in Victoria have just been reported. The epidemic started at the end of June. The State Government has invited Sister Elizabeth Kenny, the Australian nurse, whose method of treatment was tried by the L.C.C. in July, to visit Victoria and give her advice.

### INDIA

#### SERIOUS SITUATION IN CANNORE

Calcutta. The labour unrest fostered in the past few months by agitators in Cannore, United Provinces, threatens to reach a crisis. The mill-owners have withdrawn recognition of the Mazdur Sabha organisation, which purports to represent the mill-workers.

During the whole of this year the cotton mills have been in a ferment, strike following strike without any shadow of justification.

The secretary of the Mazdur Sabha and 13 other persons were to-day prohibited by the District Magistrate from publishing pamphlets or making speeches for two months.

Sir Harry Halse, the Governor of the United Provinces, is now in Cannore endeavouring to prevent an ugly situation becoming worse.

Calcutta's Vulnerability.—"I do not desire to be alarmist, but I must remind you that Calcutta, which was a safe and prosperous city in the last war, will in the next be vulnerable to enemy action," said Mr. G. P. Hogg, Chief Secretary to the Government of Bengal, proposing the toast of the Imperial Forces at the St. Andrew's Day dinner.

### SOUTH AFRICA

#### 'DICK WHITTINGTON' OF THE RAND

Cape Town. Mr. Charles Walters, known as the "Dick Whittington of the Rand," who has been Mayor of Johannesburg and was City Councillor for 20 years, has died at the age of 71.

He was born in England, and arrived in Johannesburg penniless in the days of the pioneers. He started as a vegetable seller, and later became a director of the city's largest brickmaking firm.

Arrest of Natives.—The Union Commissioner of Police has issued a circular to all police officers to use less force when arresting natives.

Earl Howe's Loss.—Earl Howe, the racing motorist, who arrived in Cape Town on Friday, lost a parcel on his way to the Rand. It contained his driving licences, passport, and return steamer ticket.

Named After Lord Nuffield.—A new township at Springs on the Rand has been named after Lord Nuffield.

#### STATE CINEMA FOR BURMA

Calcutta. A State broadcasting station, a State cinema and a State school of fine arts are the features of the present education policy of the present Government of Burma.

The policy includes a State translation bureau to create cheap, popular, and abundant Burmese literature on subjects of mass interest and importance.—Reuter.

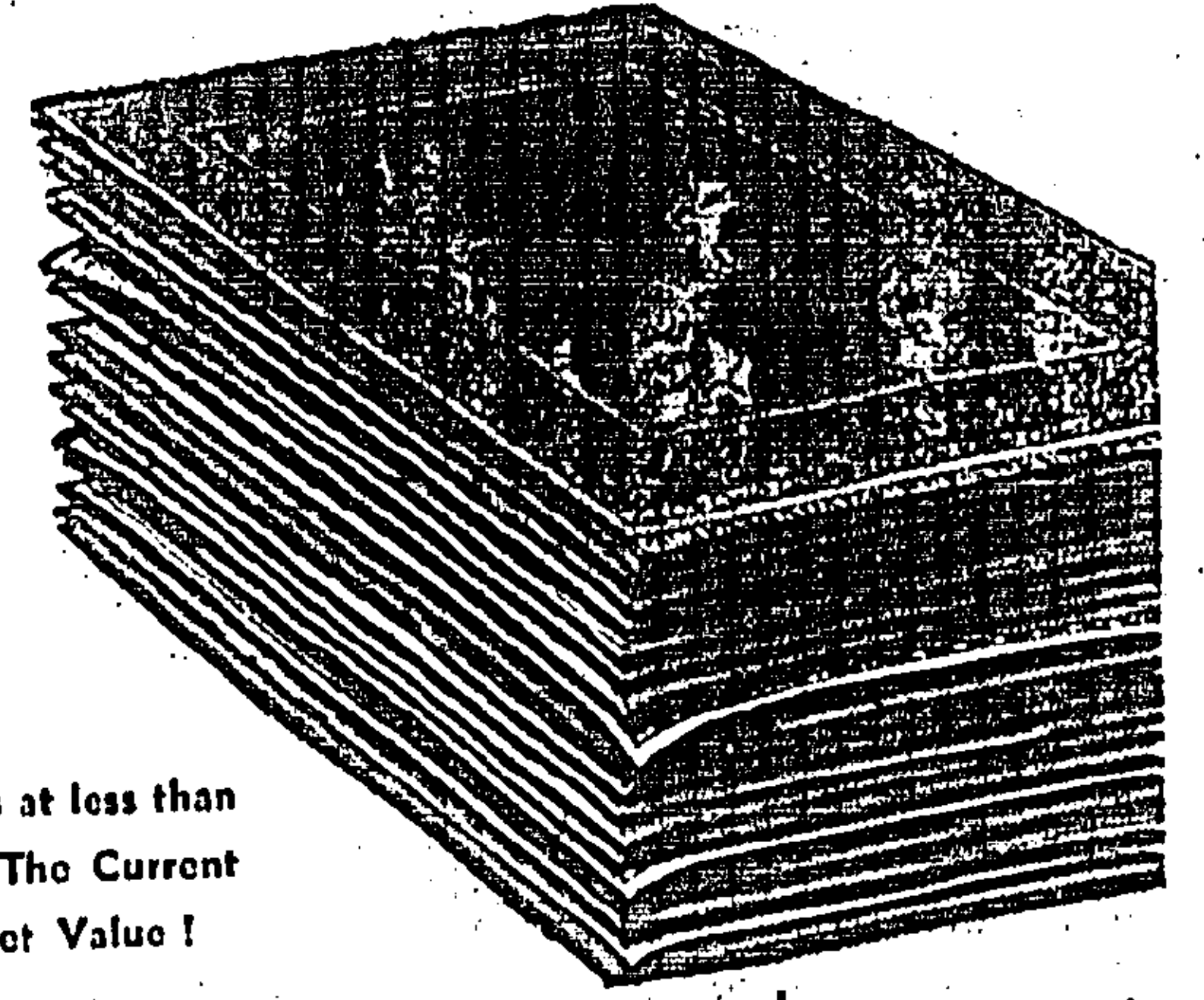
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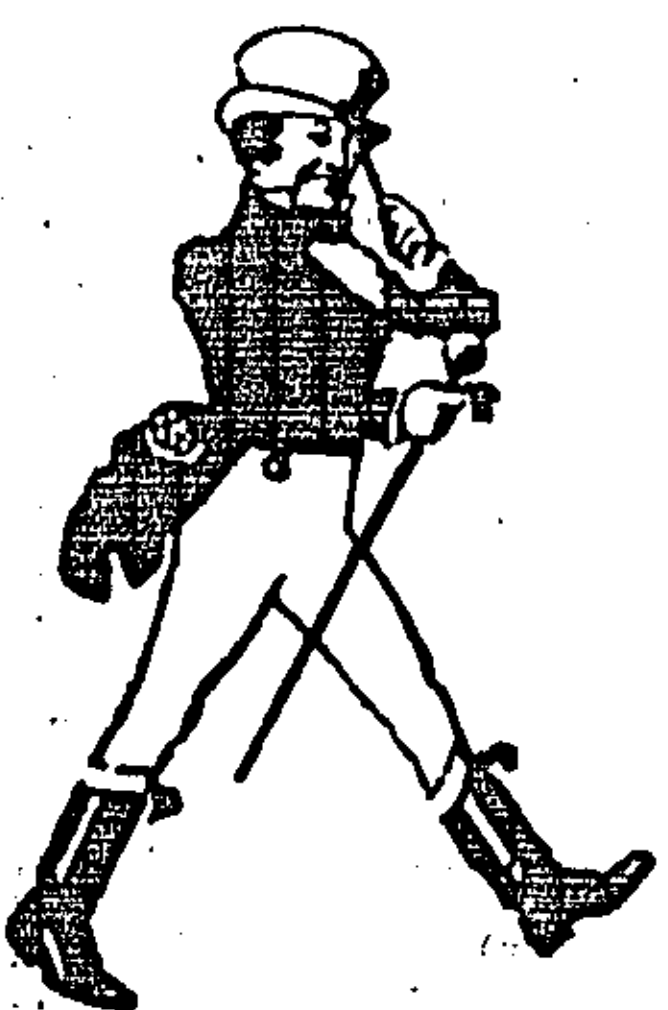
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NEW YORK STOCK  
EXCHANGESWAN, CULBERTSON &  
FRITZ LATEST REPORTS

New York, Jan. 10.

S. C. & F. Dow Jones summary of yesterday's market. The market to-day was active and reached the highest levels since November 14th. Profit-taking met with strong resistance. Demand was diversified. Armament shares were firm. Itals were substantially higher. Farm implements showed good gains. Tobacco shares were encouraging. Oil shares were above a point higher. Chrysler shares were a feature, showing gains of as much as 4 points. Other motor shares showed small advances. Aviation shares were active, led by Douglas shares.

Bonds strengthened and were fairly active, with Government issues also higher. Corp stocks were higher and the market was quiet.

S. C. & F. New York correspondent cables:

Stocks: The market to-day continued the advance, which should go still further if rails can develop a little more strength. If the Rail Average fails to better 33 within a reasonably short space of time, a reaction is likely to develop. The Times business index for the week was 78.3, as against 84.3 the revised index for last week and 103.0 for the corresponding week of last year.

Cotton: The comparative cheapness of American cotton compared with cotton prices elsewhere and the probability of a resumption of Japanese buying together with the improving textile outlook were favourable factors. These, as well as continued curtailment plans and continued inflation talk are encouraging outside participation.

Wheat: To-day's was a quiet market, with some pressure of Australian offers and lack of export sales. Mr. Snow of Bartlett, Fraser & Co. says that there is a heavy moisture deficiency in Kansas. There has been a visible decrease in supplies of 4,511,000 bushels.

Corn: Exports to-day totalled 300,000 bushels, but favourable rains in the Argentine and increased receipts retarded the advance. There has been a visible increase in supplies of 145,000 bushels.

Rubber: There has been some scattered factory interest, while a scarcity of shipment offers and further mention of a readjustment of quotas during the second quarter were also stimulating factors.

Sugar: The market to-day was dull and featureless.

Wall Street Journal Morning Comment:

The "Journal" says that sentiment at the week-end was more cheerful, with many traders expecting higher prices in the coming weeks. There has been some aggressive buying of fertilizer and textile issues.

The Street expects the price of copper to advance in a few weeks, with a little volume of the metal sold at below 14 cents per lb.

The Street believes that the trend of steel mills' production is upward. A slow halting market advance would be more indicative of a sound recovery than a speculative spree.

Dow Jones Averages Jan. 8 Close

30 Industrials 130.84 133.55  
20 Rails 31.21 32.33  
20 Utilities 21.80 21.04  
20 Bonds 92.70 92.50  
11 Commodity Index 54.29 54.92

STOCK MARKET  
REPORT

Hongkong Stock Exchange Official Summary, 3.15 p.m., Monday, Jan. 10.

The market remains quiet.

Buyers

Hongkong Bank \$1,440  
Douglases \$31  
H.K. & W. Harves \$114  
Provident (Ord) \$2  
Provident (New) \$0.20  
H. & B. Harves \$5.20  
Humphreys \$84  
H.K. Tramways \$13.60  
Star Ferry \$24  
China Light \$10.25  
H.K. Electric \$32.5  
Macao Electric \$10  
Telephones (New) \$0.33  
Coments \$12.25  
H.K. Paper \$2  
Dairy Farms \$2.5  
Construction \$1.5  
Cin. Govt. \$1.5  
H.K. Govt. \$1.5  
Wallace Harpers \$3.5

Sellers

Hongkong Bank \$1,430  
H.K. Mines \$0.13  
H.K. & W. Harves \$114  
H.K. Tramways \$13.55  
Peak Trams (Ord) \$1.5  
Peak Trams (New) \$1.5  
Sankian Light \$1.5  
Canton Ice \$1.70  
Coments \$12.5

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Sankian Light \$1.5  
Canton Ice \$1.70  
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Japan "Will  
Pursue War"Various Schemes  
Advanced When  
Experts Meet

Tokyo, Jan. 10.

Questioned about Japanese policy vis-a-vis the changed situation in China, a Foreign Office spokesman declared to-day that he was not in a position to reveal the discussions which took place at yesterday's conference, but said he understood the main part was devoted to deciding on the policy the Government expected to adopt in view of the recalcitrant attitude of the Chiang Kai-shek administration.

The Government was prepared for protracted hostilities was clear, he asserted, from official statements repeatedly made in the past.

"In order to bring peace," he said, "the Chiang Kai-shek administration must encourage the policy of anti-Japanism. Actually, however, the Chiang Kai-shek Government is still clamouring for prolongation of armed opposition against Japan in total disregard of the welfare of its own people."

Views exchanged

The Asahi Shimbun reports that a free and frank exchange of views took place yesterday at the Cabinet meeting, which followed the joint conference of the Cabinet and Imperial Headquarters. The Foreign Minister, Mr. Hirota, reported the result of the joint conference, after which Admiral Suetsugu, Home Minister, advocated a strong policy towards China.

"Now that things have come to such a pass, war must be declared unless the Chiang Kai-shek administration abandons its reckless opposition against Japan," he declared.

"A coup de grace, both military and financial, must be delivered to the Chiang Kai-shek administration by cutting off the supply of arms and ammunition."

The Minister of Railways, Mr. Nakajima, advocated a moderate policy, suggesting a policy of wait and see.

Various plans

A free and frank exchange of views then lasted three hours, during which various opinions were advanced, including declaration of war, withdrawal of recognition of the Chiang Kai-shek administration, and recall of the Ambassador, Mr. Kawaguchi, from Shanghai.

Finally, agreement was reached that unless the Chiang Kai-shek administration manifested sincerity for saving the situation on the basis of lasting peace in the Far East, there remained only one way for Japan, namely to wage protracted hostilities against China with a view to eradicating the anti-Japanese regime in China.

The Cabinet's decision was later upheld by a conference of Cabinet members. The decision will be formally approved by an emergency cabinet meeting this afternoon.

A further exchange of views regarding the Cabinet's decision took place this morning between representatives of the Cabinet including Mr. Hirota, the War Minister, General Sugiyama, the Navy Minister, Admiral Yonai, the Chief Secretary of the Cabinet, Mr. Kazami, and representatives of Imperial Headquarters including Lieut. General Tada, vice-Chief of General Staff of the Army, and Vice-Admiral Koga, vice-Chief of General Staff of the Navy.

It is expected that the Cabinet this afternoon will formally approve the decision.—Reuter.

PEACE OVERTURE

Tokyo, Jan. 10.

It is reliably learned that Japan has submitted peace terms to Marshal Chiang Kai-shek but is expecting his rejection, for which reason she is preparing her future policies, possibly including recognition of the Peiping regime.

A spokesman of the Japanese Foreign Office, stating that he was unable to reveal the nature of the Cabinet's discussions, said: "Japan is prepared either for peace or protracted hostilities." The Cabinet resumed discussions to-day. However, an announcement of the results of its deliberations is not expected at the moment.

The Cabinet's so-called four-year plan is little different from those preceding which are based on the Cabinet policies, namely:

1. Development of natural resources and to increase industrial production.

2. Reform of the educational system and to adjust taxation, thus equalising the burden of the people while encouraging their determination to bear the increased national expenditures.

The Prime Minister, Prince Kameyama, has not requested the Cabinet to extend the four-year plan and has not mentioned that there will be war for four years.—United Press.

REPORT TO THRONE

Tokyo, Jan. 10.

After the extraordinary Cabinet meeting the Premier went to the Palace and reported to the throne Japan's fundamental policies towards China as formally agreed to by the Cabinet.—Reuter.

GERMAN COMMENT

Means for Termination Of Conflict Exhausted

Berlin, Jan. 10.

LETTERS TO THE  
EDITOR

To The Editor,  
Hongkong Telegraph.

Sir,—I feel sure that residents who appreciate the beauty of Hongkong must view with profound concern the work of organised gangs who are denuding the hillsides of trees.

Thousands of pine trees have been cut down in the New Territories, and there are vast areas, here and there, which now present a pitiful vista of stumps.

If this ravaging is to be stopped, and surely it can be, severe penalties must be imposed upon those who are engaged in the work.

Furthermore, the number of forestry guards must be increased, and daily raids made. I suggest that no person should be permitted to carry firewood without a written permit, and that firewood merchants who encourage the despoilers by purchasing their wood should be dealt with severely as receivers of stolen property.

Unless drastic steps are taken at once, the damage done to the Colony's hillsides will take many years to repair, and the health of the community will suffer in consequence.

To come across a tree-cutter at work a few years ago was unusual, and a warning shout was enough to send him scurrying away. To-day, these people are to be seen working in small gangs, and if spoken to, show a brazen disregard to any protest made.

The problem must be tackled immediately and sternly. To fine a few of the culprits is not enough. A sound thrashing when caught in the act would prove a better deterrent.

Old Resident.

MARK SILVER  
JUBILEE

Congratulations will be showered upon Mr. and Mrs. P. A. Xavier, two Portuguese residents of the Colony, to-morrow on the occasion of the celebration of their Silver Jubilee.

A prominent member of the Portuguese community, Mr. Xavier has made himself a familiar figure here as managing director of the Hongkong Printing Ltd. and also by his many acts of benevolence. He has associated himself with the charitable works of his community, and was formerly a member of the committee of the Club de Recreio and the Liga Portuguesa.

Mr. and Mrs. Xavier intend to spend their Silver Jubilee quietly with a family gathering.

RADIO BROADCAST

(Continued from Page 7.)

Debroy Somers Band (with Vocal Chorus).

11.00 Close Down.

DAVENTRY PROGRAMMES

7.30 a.m. The BBC Empire Orchestra.

8 a.m. Big Ben. "Take your Choice."

8.30 a.m. "A Theme and a Song."

9 a.m. The News and Announcements.

9.15 a.m. "The Court of Not-Common Pleas."

10.15 a.m. The Morris Motors Band.

11.15 a.m. The News and Announcements.

11.45 a.m. The Signal at 11.30 a.m.

12.15 a.m. Famous London Buildings.

12.45 a.m. Big Ben. Palace of Varieties.

1.15 a.m. "Empire Exchange."

1.45 a.m. Organ Recital by David Morgan, from St. Mark's, North Audley Street, London.

2.15 a.m. The News and Announcements.

2.45 a.m. Big Ben. The Symphonies of Beethoven—2.

3.15 a.m. The News and Announcements.

3.45 a.m. "The Court of Not-Common Pleas."

4.15 a.m. The Morris Motors Band.

JAPANESE  
OCCUPY  
TSINGTAOBloodless Victory  
At Northern Port

Tsingtao, Jan. 10.

It is reported that the Japanese have landed at Shadokow, 40 miles from Tsingtao and that a Japanese aeroplane is bombing between Shadokow and Tsingtao. The American Evacuation Committee is holding a meeting.

The British Consul has advised the British residents to stand by for concentration. It is reported that the British Consul has made communication with the Japanese fleet which suggested that the British nationals stay in their homes as the Japanese anticipated that there would be no fighting. The Chinese Police have been instructed to make a sanctuary of the Japanese ships, while two transport and several destroyers have anchored off the wharf boom.

A Dornier report from Dairen says that following occupation without resistance from the Chinese in Tsingtao the Japanese naval men are combing the city in a search for snipers and anti-Japanese elements.—United Press.

Bloodless Occupation

Tsingtao, Jan. 10.

Japanese planes to-day dropped leaflets in English entitled "Advice to people of friendly and neutral Powers," which stated that Japan was making its best and greatest efforts to respect the rights and interests of third Powers in the area of operations. However, the city was in fear of falling into confusion and the people of friendly and neutral Powers were kindly advised not to approach dangerous areas and to take means of safety themselves, as for example taking refuge in buildings.

Upon notification that Japanese marines were landing at a beach 10 miles from Tsingtao, a German delegation headed by Herr W. Chivwin, local Nazi chief, carrying a Nazi flag, motored to the beach and urged the Japanese to make peaceful occupation.

The other members of the delegation were Herr P. Hess, Chief of Special Police, and Herr F. Navert, interpreter.

In accordance with Japanese demands, a white flag was hoisted on a flag pole at Signal Hill where the German flag was hoisted on November 14, 1897 when the German squadron seized Tsingtao in retaliation for the murder of two German missionaries and the German lease was subsequently negotiated.

Japanese naval patrols combed Tsingtao this afternoon in search of snipers and other anti-Japanese elements. The Japanese occupation was bloodless. Chinese troops and marines had withdrawn from Tsingtao about a fortnight ago.

Tsingtao was leased to Germany in 1898 for 99 years, occupied by the Japanese on November 7, 1914, and restored to China by Japan in December 1922 in accordance with the Washington Pact. It was occupied by Japanese marines to-day without resistance.—Reuter.

High Officials  
Missing

Argentine Search For  
Lost Plane

Buenos Aires, Jan. 10.

An endeavour is being made to trace reports that an Army "lane" bearing Eduardo Justo, son of the President, and five high military officers crashed on the Brazilian-Argentine frontier.

Three Uruguayan planes have reached the scene, however, and ground parties have not arrived owing to the swollen condition of the Itacumbi River.—United Press.

SEARCH ABANDONED

San Diego, Jan. 10.

The Navy has abandoned the major portion of the search for the bomber, which disappeared while on exercises last week. All but a squadron of destroyers have cancelled the search and returned to assignments.—United Press.

BARGAINS GALORE

AT

GORDON'S

SHOE

SALE

All Europe  
Watching  
ConferenceAustria And Italy Go  
To Budapest

Budapest, Jan. 10.

Dr. Schuschnigg, Austrian Chancellor, and Count Ciano, Italian Foreign Minister, have arrived here for a three-Power conference to open this morning. No new pact is expected, but two other countries are unusually interested in the proceedings, Czechoslovakia, which may shortly be brought closer to Austria-Hungary economically, and Germany, which is believed to be uneasy about an Austrian-Czech rapprochement.—Reuter Bulletin.

WEDGE IN EUROPE

London, Jan. 10.

It is feared that to-day's meeting of the so-called "Danube Bloc" in Budapest will furnish an opening to drive a wedge into a new alignment of Central Europe due to reports that Italy is endeavouring to draw Austria and Hungary into the anti-Comintern Pact, although the delegates are meeting ostensibly to discuss the Rome protocol and an economic agreement consolidating Italian relations in the Danube Basin.

Two consequences are feared as a result of this, firstly, that Hitler will make an effort to join the Danube Powers as a partner in the Rome protocol, and secondly, that Count Ciano, Italian Foreign Minister, may suggest affiliation in the anti-Comintern Pact.

This is calculated to either increase nervousness in London and Paris, the latter particularly being on the watch since the increase of Italy-German influence in eastern Europe coincides with a decrease of French influence.—United Press.

ITALIAN LABOUR  
FOR GERMANY

Berlin, Jan. 11.

A large number of Italian farm hands, probably 30,000, will be brought to Germany in order to assist German peasants, according to an agreement entered into between the two nations.

There has recently been a noticeable shortage of farm hands in Germany owing to the heavy demands of the four-year plan.

The Italian labourers will be mainly engaged in the cultivation of potatoes, sugar and beans.—Reuter.

U.S. COMMODITY  
PRICES

LATEST CABLED  
QUOTATIONS

New York, Dec. 10.

The following quotations on the New York commodity exchange are issued by Reuter:

New York Cotton

January ..... 8.48/49 8.53/53  
March ..... 8.52/53 8.57/57  
May ..... 8.56/56 8.60/60  
July ..... 8.65/66 8.73/73  
October ..... 8.74/74 8.80/81  
December ..... 8.76/76 8.82/82  
Spot ..... 8.60

New York Rubber

March ..... 14.08/05 15.03/03  
May ..... 14.81/84 15.10/17  
July ..... 14.92/92 15.27/28  
September ..... 15.03/02 15.33/33  
December ..... 15.53/53

Sales for the day: 4,770 tons.

Chicago Wheat

May ..... 97 1/4 / 97 1/4 97 3/4 / 97 3/4  
July ..... 90 3/4 / 90 3/4 91 1/4 / 91 1/4  
Sept. .... 89 3/4 / 89 3/4 89 3/4 / 89 3/4

Friday's Sales: 20,109,000 bushels.

Chicago Corn

May ..... 62 1/4 / 62 1/4 62 1/2 / 62 1/2  
July ..... 62 1/4 / 62 1/4 62 1/2 / 62 1/2  
Sept. .... 62 1/2 / 62 1/2 62 1/2 / 62 1/2

Winnipeg Wheat

May ..... 129 / 129 1/4 130 1/4 / 130 1/4  
July ..... 122 1/2 / 122 1/2 123 1/2 / 123 1/2  
October ..... 102 1/2 / 102 1/2 102 1/2 / 102 1/2

## POST OFFICE.

SHANGHAI AIR SERVICE  
Air Mail Service to Shanghai is temporarily suspended.

AIR MAIL TIMES

Ordinary air mail letters for Imperial Airways Direct Service to Europe etc., will, until further notice, be closed at Kowloon Post Office and General Post Office 9.00 a.m. on Sundays. Letters for this Service may be posted in the ordinary posting boxes at Kowloon Post Office and General Post Office. They should be clearly marked "By Air Mail" and bear sufficient postage. Insufficiently prepaid letters may be taxed with double the deficiency or forwarded by Steamer Service, at the discretion of the Post Office.

VIA SIBERIA ROUTE  
Letters and Postcards for Europe and South America are forwarded "via Siberia" if so superscribed.

OUTWARD MAIL TIMES  
Registered and Parcel Mails are closed 15 minutes earlier than the time given below unless otherwise stated, and where mails are advertised to close at or before 9 a.m., registered and parcel mails are closed at 5 p.m. on the previous day.

INWARD MAILS

From Per Due

Straits ..... Achilles ..... January 11.  
Shanghai and Foochow ..... Kaying ..... January 11.  
Pakhol ..... Kwangtung ..... January 11.  
Straits and Hoihow ..... Mulnam ..... January 12.  
Java and Manila ..... Tjinegara ..... January 11.  
Straits ..... Van Heutsz ..... January 11.  
Amoy ..... Chengtu ..... January 12.

Air Mail by "Pan American Airways Direct Service"—San Francisco, Jan. 12, 1938.  
U.S.A., Canada, Japan and Manila (Seattle, 18th December, 1937). Pres. Jackson ..... January 12.  
Canada, U.S.A., Honolulu and Japan (Vancouver B.C., 28th December, 1937). Emp. of Japan ..... January 13.  
Amoy ..... Sindhana ..... January 13.  
Java ..... Yasukuni Maru ..... January 13.

Straits and Europe via Negapatam (Letters and Papers) London date, 10th December, 1937. Hakozaki Maru ..... January 14.  
Bangkok and Swatow ..... Kalgan ..... January 14.  
Japan ..... Kidderpore ..... January 14.

U.S.A., Honolulu, and Japan (San Francisco date, 18th December, 1937). Pres. Garfield ..... January 15.  
Japan ..... Suisang ..... January 15.  
Calcutta and Straits ..... Hosang ..... January 15.

Air Mail by "Imperial Airways Direct Service"—London date, 8th January.  
Calcutta and Straits ..... Tilawa ..... January 18.  
Calcutta and Straits ..... Glenbeg ..... January 19.  
Straits ..... Teucer ..... January 19.

Straits and Europe via Suez (Letters and Papers) London, 23rd December and London Parcels, London date, 16th December, 1937. Carthage ..... January 20.  
Australia and Manila ..... Kamo Maru ..... January 20.  
Straits ..... Somali ..... January 20.

Straits, Manila and London Parcels, London date, 9th December, 1937. Ajax ..... January 21.  
Japan ..... Kitano Maru ..... January 21.

OUTWARD MAILS

For Per Date and Time

Tuesday  
Fort Bayard and Halphong ..... G. G. Paul Doumer ..... Tues., Jan. 11, 2 p.m.  
Bangkok ..... Hermod ..... Tues., Jan. 11, 4.30 p.m.  
Japan, Honolulu, \*South American Rakuyo Maru ..... Tues., Jan. 11, 5 p.m.  
Ports and \*EUROPE via Siberia.

Wednesday  
Kongmoon and (Pakhol via Kong-Fook On ..... Wed., Jan. 12, 0 a.m.  
Tientsin ..... Fooshing ..... Wed., Jan. 12, 8.30 a.m.  
Tientsin ..... Hailan ..... Wed., Jan. 12, 3 p.m.  
Swatow and Bangkok ..... Kwelyang ..... Wed., Jan. 12, 10.30 a.m.  
Shanghai ..... Sulyang ..... Wed., Jan. 12, 1.30 p.m.  
Amoy ..... Ho ..... Wed., Jan. 12, 3.30 p.m.

Air Mail for Manila, Guam, \*Panama and U.S.A. by the "Pan American Airways Direct Service" (Due San Francisco 20th January, 1938). Reg. .... Jan. 12, 5 p.m.  
Ord. .... Jan. 12, 5 p.m.  
G.P.O. .... Jan. 12, 5 p.m.  
Ord. .... Jan. 13, 6 a.m.

Thursday  
Manila ..... Emp. of Japan ..... Thurs., Jan. 13, 4.30 p.m.  
Japan, Canada, U.S.A., Central and Pres. Jackson ..... Thurs., Jan. 13.

South America and \*Europe via Parcels, .... Jan. 13, 4 p.m.  
Victoria B.C.—due Victoria B.C. Reg. .... Jan. 13, 4.45 p.m.  
2nd February and \*Europe via Ord. .... Jan. 13, 5.30 p.m.  
Siberia. .... Jan. 13, 5.30 p.m.

Sandakan ..... Tai Suen Ho ..... Thurs., Jan. 13, 9.30 a.m.  
Batavia and Sourabaya ..... Tjileroen ..... Thurs., Jan. 13, 8.30 a.m.





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## GAS MASKS GIVE FULL PROTECTION

## Human and Chemical Elements In Fighting Gas Attacks

## RESPIRATORS DEMONSTRATED

The fact that 100 per cent protection was afforded by all wearers of gas masks provided they were properly adjusted, was brought home to a large audience by Lieut. Cmdr. B. M. Douglas, R.N. (Retd.) yesterday in the fifth of the Air Raids Precautions lectures given at the China Fleet Club Theatre.

At the conclusion of his talk, the lecturer announced that the lecture advertised for January 31 had been put back to February 7 on account of Chinese New Year celebrations.

Col. N. M. S. Irwin, G.S.O.I., of the China Command, will give the final summarising lectures, it was stated. Those having questions to ask should take that opportunity of sending them in writing to the platform when all the lecturers will be present.

Cmdr. Douglas said: I told you before that this country does not go in for collective protection against gas, the reason being that if you can make a room more or less gas-tight there may be a high explosive bomb drop outside and burst your windows, and your labours will have been vain. We go in for individual protection instead.

Hundred per cent. protection against all war gases depends on two factors, the individual and the respirator. There will be only two types of individuals in a gas attack—the quick and the dead.

I have, I admit, told you in my last lecture that experiments at Home have proved that people in a room with doors and windows closed had seven minutes grace in which to put on their respirators, but, you must bear in mind that they were not in the open and it was not mustard or blister gas. The latter point I will explain next week.

If you smell or sense anything out of the ordinary hold your breath, face the wind, put on your respirator, the quicker better and breathe out. The reason for holding your breath is obvious, but perhaps the point of facing the wind might be explained.

Supposing you had your back to the wind when putting on your respirator you would be putting on a mask full of gas; therefore, the safest possible position is facing the wind—then by breathing out you will clear your lungs and mask of any gas that may have got in.

## Trivialities That Count

A lot of these small points such as not looking up during an air raid, sitting still in a refuge, facing the wind, etc., seem trivial at first sight, but I hope I have made it clear to you that it is these trivialities that count. Anyone can buy a new car, but there is a large number who cannot drive one; similarly anyone can buy a respirator or will, we hope, be able to in the near future, but without the necessary elementary knowledge and practice they will not be able to obtain full value from it.

You must remember that you have these vital spots to guard—mouth, nose and eyes—and I will demonstrate to you later how these are entered for.

The first thing to do on detecting the presence of a war gas is to pull out your respirator, then remove your hat or headgear; this again seems stupid, but I have seen trained men in a panic endeavouring to put on a respirator over a sun helmet.

## Mask Fashions

I would therefore advise ladies in time of war not to wear expensive models that require a lot of adjustment, and will also venture to advise them to keep their hair short—they cannot expect any respirator to make a good fit if they have a large "bun" at the back of their heads.

For the men, I suggest that beards be removed for the same reason—that is you cannot get a decent gas-tight fit if you have a large and heavy "beaver." Whilst on the subject of hats, I would also advise those who are liable to be caught in the open, country people as opposed to town dwellers, to invest in a tin helmet, or at least a sun helmet.

Remember, everything that goes up has to come down, most of the anti-aircraft projectiles and shrapnel will go up from or near the towns and come down in the surrounding country. Going back to the original subject having removed your hat, hold your breath and face the wind—hold your respirator balanced on the two thumbs—dip your chin into it and with the thumbs follow through until the pad is on the back of the head.

Now doing you have protected the vital points, mouth, nose and eyes in one order. Then breathe out heavily to clear away any gas that may have got in. After that you can make yourself comfortable by running your finger around the edge of the mask and getting the elastic straight and square.

## Donning Respirator

Having got your respirator on (and you will not be able to do this first shot without a certain amount of practice) all you have to do is sit still until you have reason to believe the gas has gone.

Never remove your respirator without testing for gas. This is done in a very simple fashion by putting two fingers under the side of the chin, holding the breath and sniffing. If all clear, you can then remove it by an upward movement. If gas is still present, take your fingers out and breathe out heavily once or twice. Glasses can be worn if really required in a respirator, provided the frames are of thin wire; thick tortoiseshell frames obviously would upset the fit of the mask. People with

punctured ear drums should wear the ordinary rubber plugs as worn by bathers who suffer from "tropical ear."

That completes the individual factor of protection, and I will now go on to the respirator. As I mentioned before, there are two main types, "Service" and "Civilian duty." The latter has an offspring in the shape of a "Civilian type."

## "Service" Differences

I will take the "Service" one first. It is issued to all members of the fighting services and will be issued to all civil essential services whose duties might involve those remaining and working in high concentration of gas—such as police, fire brigades, decontamination squads, ambulance men, etc. It consists essentially of a container filled with material to filter or absorb the gas, a face-piece making an air-tight joint around the face, and a flexible tube to connect the face-piece to the filter or container. Thus you can only breathe in through the tube, and therefore through the container; therefore you are only breathing filtered air.

This container or filter is a very simple affair, consisting of a lined iron box containing layers of activated charcoal, which absorbs the gas, and several filter pads which prevent the passage of poison dust such as arsenical smokes.

This container can easily be changed should its power of absorbing gas (60 hours in a heavy concentration) be exhausted or if it becomes damaged in any way.

## Anti-Dimminging Outfit

The head harness as you see consists of elastic which can be adjusted to suit the wearer. The face-piece or mask is made in three sizes, small, normal and large, one of which should fit the average man or woman. Occasionally cases occur (some Asiatic faces too) in which none of these sizes will fit efficiently owing to facial configurations. This

is dealt with by padding, using sorbo rubber in the requisite places. The eye pieces are made of triplex splinterless glass and can be removed and renewed. It is most important to keep these clear as your vision is much impaired apart from your breath condensing on them. An anti-dimming outfit is provided in each respirator harness for this purpose, which also gives full instructions as to how to use it. This dimming of the eye pieces due to condensation of breath is also to a degree counteracted by the air breathed in entering the mask almost midway between the pieces. The exhaust air goes out through a non-return valve which is so designed to augment the speech of the wearer.

## For Civilians

The Civilian Duty Respirator is designed for those men and women who, having no part to play in the Air Raids Precautions organisation, will merely put them on, go to their houses or shelters and sit quiet until the attack is over.

The container is exactly the same as the Service one but, as you see, being smaller, cannot be expected to stand up to a strong concentration for the same length of time as a Service one. In fact, it would not be required to.

To test the fit of these, place the palm of your hand over the inlet valve at the bottom of the container. If you can still breathe there must be some adjustment—generally around the temples—to be made. If you cannot breathe it is obvious that you have a good fit and will therefore have complete protection.

The offspring of this Civilian Duty Respirator I mentioned is the Civilian Type, designed for women and children, who, it is hoped, would be in their houses with doors and windows closed and all other means of gas access closed by paper and other methods which you will be told about in a subsequent lecture.

## Cheaper Type

The principle and container are the same as the others, the only difference being that you exhaust through the sides of the mask as opposed to having a valve. This is merely to reduce the cost.

I have stressed the term "War Gases" as these respirators are not designed to protect against what is known as "accidental gases" such as carbon monoxide (C.O.<sub>2</sub>), the basis of which is lack of oxygen and can only be dealt with by a self-contained breathing apparatus—in other words some appliance that can provide its own air. It is no good trying to filter a gas which has no oxygen in it.

Please remember that your life may depend on the efficiency of your respirator, and therefore, treat it with respect. It should be kept in its haversack in a cool dry place. Take it out occasionally and wear it for a while; this helps to prevent it cracking through being folded up for a long time, and also accustoms you to wearing it. Always wipe the inside of the face-piece dry before you put it back, and it is a good thing to disinfect it from time to time.

This is very easily done by turning the face-piece inside out and wiping the whole of the inside with a rag moistened with weak disinfectant, about an egg-cupful to three pints of water. Be careful that moisture or drips do not enter the container, there should be a thin gauze, and

## JAPANESE BLAME TURNER

## Allegedly Insulted Mikado's Army

Shanghai, Jan. 10. Japanese reports state that the Japanese military authorities consider the incident in which A. R. Turner, a British police officer in the Shanghai force, was beaten by Japanese soldiers last Friday, as being the fault of "an individual using foul language such as would precipitate violence."

It is reported that Turner referred to the Japanese Army as a "bloody army." The reports point out that Japanese troops in a warlike mood "should not be judged from 'idealistic pacifist standards.'"

It is said that the Japanese troops crossed the boundary to investigate whether they had correctly heard Turner's remark, after which they beat Turner when they discovered he had "insulted" the Army. It is also stated that they later beat Turner again when he resisted their attempts to disarm him.

It is claimed Turner apologised for he had been escorted into Japanese territory.—United Press.

## Protests Made

Shanghai, Jan. 10. Mr. Suematsu Okamoto, Japanese Consul-General, has sent a letter to the British Consul-General, Chairman of the Shanghai Municipal Council, saying that his two protests against the beating of British police have been communicated to the Japanese military and naval authorities so that the matter will receive their careful attention.—Reuter.

every time which should be renewed every time the respirator is disinfected. These can easily be improvised out of 10 to 12 thicknesses of gauze.

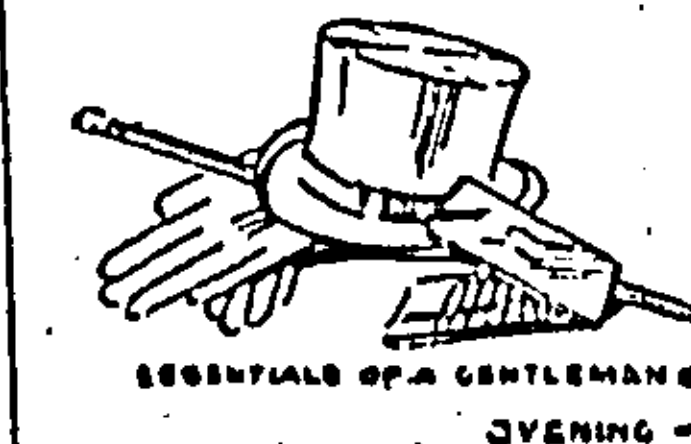
In conclusion I would like to repeat again from the opening lecture that the A.R.P. are endeavouring to make you "Air Raid Minded," but as gas is a possibility which must not be overlooked and is also a subject of which most of you are happily in ignorance, a large percentage of these lectures must be devoted to it. Please keep in your minds what you have been told about high explosive bombs, their splintering and blast effects, and also the incendiary bomb with the ensuing fire peril. Also, so far as gas is concerned, remember that these respirators, if properly worn and adjusted, will give 100 per cent. protection against any known war gas, including arsenical smokes.

Col. Irwin will sum up the whole series of lectures at the last lecture and we would like people who have queries to make to put them in writing and send them up to the stage where all the speakers will be assembled that night. It would be a great help if people would do this.

The lecture arranged for January 31 will not be given then, because it is Chinese New Year Day. That to-day, will give 100 per cent. protection against any known war gas, including arsenical smokes. This concluded the lecture and Cmdr. Douglas was accorded hearty applause.

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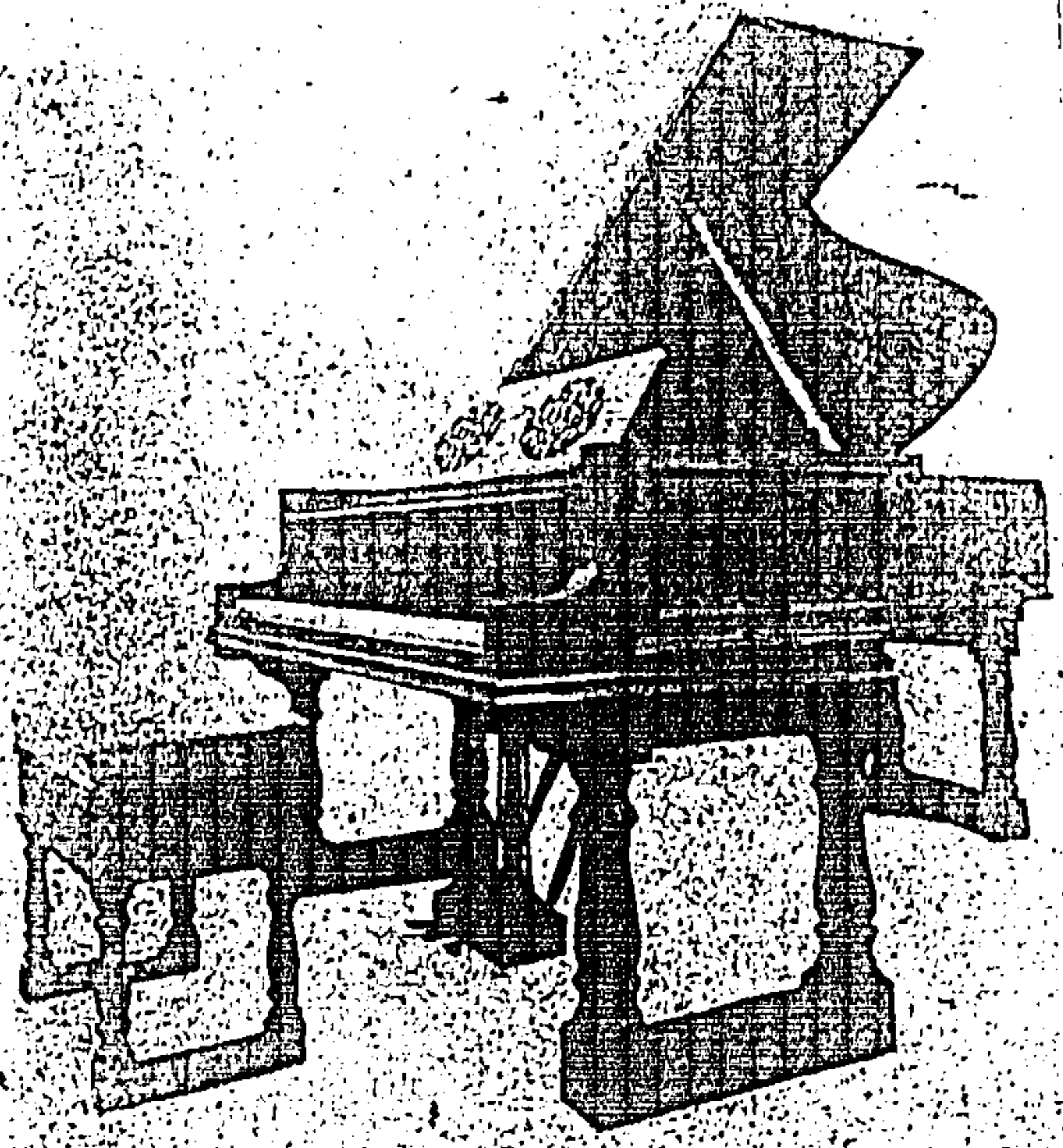
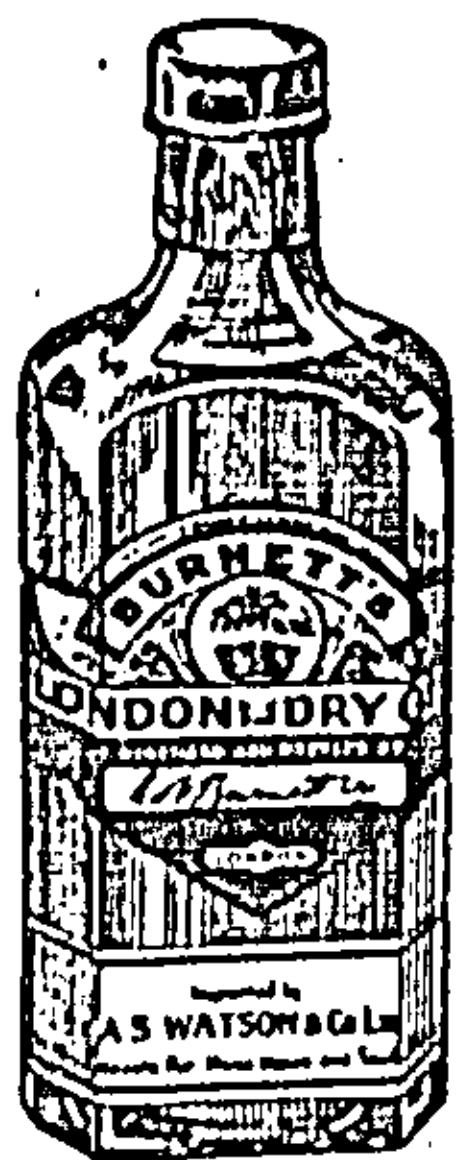
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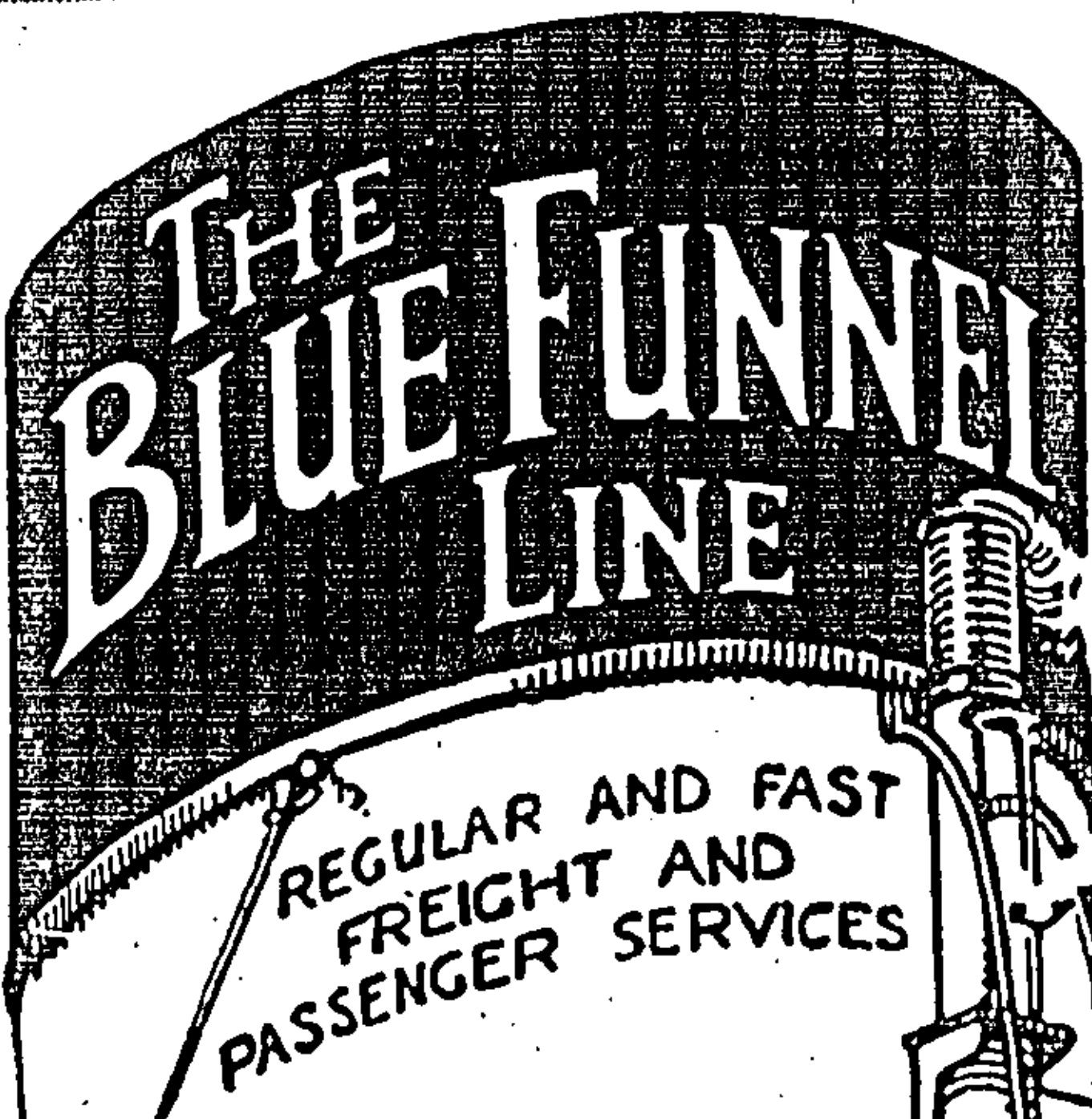
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#### MARRIAGE

SASSO-BERNDT. At the Roman Catholic Cathedral, on January 10, 1938, Maurice Sasso, Budapest, Hungary (member of staff, Hongkong Hotel) to Elsie Berndt, daughter of Mrs., and the late Mr. Wm. Berndt.

The  
**Hongkong Telegraph.**

TUESDAY, JANUARY 11, 1938.

### WORKER WONDERS "WHY?"

M. Paul van Zeeland, one-time Belgian Prime Minister, and first-class economist, has been studying world economic ills with a view to suggesting to responsible governments methods for curing the complaints. This will delight the wizards of finance and the worshippers of abstruse economic theories, and will leave the humble worker cold. While the leaders of industry, commerce and finance lick their lips and bare their teeth ready to rend in pieces M. van Zeeland's cure for economic ills, the worker will try to go on working, pausing only to wonder why, in this so-called civilised world, his home and family should be daily threatened by war, unemployment, civil strife, loss of personal freedom, religious persecution, and the rest of the depressing daily concomitants which comprise the "Twentieth Century Blues".

It has long been insisted that intelligent public opinion alone can save democracy. The contribution of the intelligentsia towards the moulding of this opinion has been the presentation of political, social, economic and financial theories, so involved and complex that they severed the ranks of their protagonists and left the worker begging for a statement of faith and action which he can comprehend. The world, having built up its gigantic and bewildering systems, is now defeated by its own creeds, and left floundering in its attempts to discover the solution through national cures, camouflaged in international trappings.

It is quite possible that M. van Zeeland's proposals, when they are made known, will go a very long way towards the alleviation of existing distress. But the more realistically-minded will recall that the World Economic Conference held out just as much hope and

# THESE PLANTS GO MAD



The animal world has some strange creatures, but for monsters take a look at the plant world

## PLANTS

which "go mad" and, sprawling in unpredictable shapes, grow side by side with members of exactly the same botanic group of which the symmetry and colouring are unique in nature; others imitating stones to protect themselves from birds; strange growths prolonging their lives by feeding on themselves; minute vegetable organisms developing at the rate of less than an ounce in 100 years—such are just a few of the marvels of a nursery I have seen at Laindon, Essex.

Its owner is Mr. T. M. Endean and, in a way, he is something of a marvel himself.

His story, covering 50 years of cactus and succulent plant growing, illuminates the progress of a working-class Hackney boy from crippledom and blindness to a position unique in the world of botany.

To-day, towards the end of a life which has been a constant fight with illness, Thomas Endean is still, by practical standards, a poor man, but his greenhouse is a Mecca for botanists from every continent. It is believed to contain the finest general collection of cacti and other succulents in the world.

In 1933 this working-man's nursery was the means of re-establishing 37 varieties of succulent plants in their native African habitat from which they had long vanished. They were unknown elsewhere in the world.

was a complete failure. The W.E.C. demanded sacrifices; and so it failed. M. van Zeeland's suggestions will almost certainly involve sacrifices, and if they do they too will be doomed to similar fate. One finds the same story with the disarmament conferences, and obviously one can easily discover the reason for the success of the Ottawa Conference.

Perhaps Mr. H. G. Wells and his "Open Conspiracy" are Utopian, and maybe pacifists are cowards if judged by certain values, but it does seem that both have hit upon a fundamental demand for the creation of a saner, happier world, when they emphasise the need for a restatement of man's relationship with man. This restatement appears to call for the subordination of self in the interests of the masses—in short, sacrifices. Our present-day systems would have no truck with such sentiment, yet until the nations comprehend the vital necessity of this basic creed, one fears that M. Paul van Zeeland's great efforts will have been made in vain.—S.A.G.

Any preconceived ideas one may have about the cactus and its botanic relatives are quickly upset here.

Three 6-inch spines of the cecino cactus emoryi are sufficient to catch a shark, and they are actually used for that purpose by South American natives, who say that an echino hook will hold when a steel hook would break.

On the other hand there are cacti with spines as soft as silk and nearly as fine as gossamer. Climbing over the greenhouse staging is a plant resembling an old-fashioned English clematis. But it's a cactus all the same and is the only leaved kind known.

Another strange succulent in the Endean collection is an echevaria, 40 years old and 3 inches high, which in its true form is an exact replica of a bishop's mitre, but may just as easily take the shape of a pile of haricot beans—if you can imagine haricot beans with points on them. In this form it is known as a refractory plant, one which has probably "thrown back" to the form of an ancestor.

Only rarely can the cactus and succulent grower be sure that

the seeds of a given plant will reproduce the characteristics of the parent form. The new plants may be so fantastically different in outward appearance that only a botanist can ascertain the genus.

And what would you make of a plant the leaves of which only hold to the stem by suction? Such is the crassula compuncta, looking for all the world like a row of buttons threaded on a string. The "buttons" can actually be turned round and round on the stem. There is no direct union, yet they continue to grow.

There are plants which mimic wolves' and tigers' mouths, with canine and feline "teeth." There is a plant, not a cactus, which so perfectly counterfeits that plant as to be indistinguishable therefrom, except by experts. This is the euphorbia, filled with a milk-like fluid which is deadly poison. Natives employ it on spearheads and arrows.

Enthusiasts for cacti and succulent plants divide their attractions under four heads—quaintness of form, symmetry of form, beauty of flower, beauty of foliage.

The loveliest flowers are those whose life is briefest; and how lovely and how brief may be judged by the cercus family, on which one single perfect annual bloom with petals like a glowing silk fringe, appears for seven hours only. At seven in the evening it is opened; by two in the morning it is gone. This flower grows on an eight-foot plant.

At the other extreme I saw succulent plants no bigger than peas, throwing up violet coloured blooms, an inch across, on 2-inch stalks, and these remain in bloom for a fortnight.

But it is in foliage that the succulent plant is unchallengeably supreme. The best specimens in the Endean collection are breath-stopping in their perfection of pure form and colour harmony.

Light, playing on the natural wax coating of the plant, produces infinite gradations of radiant metallic colour, running alike through tall tongue-like leaves or miniature rosettes, according to the nature of the plant, and changing subtly in every inch of surface.

In this section nature takes up the challenge of art and beats it by a mile. I commend it to the attention of modern interior decorators.

To what great age will a succulent grow? No one knows. There is a plant at Laindon—the anacampsis ustulata—which is 3-inches high and 100 years old; and still it grows. It weighs perhaps an ounce.

There is a cecino cactus, needing two men to lift it, 130 years old. And there is a leuchtenbergia, one of the few in the world, which was old when Shakespeare died, which may have been growing on a South American bank in the days of the Incas, which still blooms . . . 500 years, Mr. Endean moderately computes, are compressed into the 3½-inch height of its base, to which each new spike thrown up at the crown eventually adds a layer of tissue-paper thickness. Each spike—live appear a year—takes twenty to thirty years to die.

"Do you wonder," asked my pain-racked remarkable guide, "that I have given my life to my plants?"

**Stanley Baron**

## THE GAME OF YOUTH

Beauty at the Neckline

THE most interesting game all women play to-day is the game of youth.

There are many, however, who are playing it in a haphazard manner which gives them away as amateurs who have not mastered all the rules. A few of these they know and observe faithfully; others they seem to regard as unimportant, but they console themselves with the thought that in spite of their slipshod manner, they will be regarded as quite good players.

In short, too many women are playing this great game with their faces only, and while a well-cared-for and well-made-up complexion; for and curling lashes; a firm contour and the complete absence of wrinkles may carry them triumphantly through the early rounds, the day is not too far distant when the major faults of their play will be obvious, for the necks they have given scant attention to while they gave unremitting care to their faces, will break the spell of illusion.

It is extraordinary, yet an undisputed fact that very few necks and faces really match.

#### Regular Attention

A great many women never give their necks any regular attention with skin-food or massage, with the result that neglected appearance. The appearance is particularly evident during the months of the year when they wear heavy coats or wraps, but it is wise to make a habit of applying a bleaching pack to your neck at regular intervals throughout the year.

These can be purchased already made up in a tube, and twice a week is not too often to apply, especially so if the contrast between neck and face is so obvious. First, open the pores of the skin by wringing out a small towel in hot water, and hold this round your neck for a minute or two, then spread the bleaching paste on freely and leave till it sets dry and firm. Then, rinse off with hot water, using only upward strokes,

at the same time work in a good cold cream, still employing the upward movement with your finger-tips.

Frequent treatment with a suitable oil is good for those necks which have been badly neglected, and in consequence have developed scraggy contours. A teaspoonful of pure olive oil added to the daily diet is good when this can be taken. Massage with warmed almond oil is excellent treatment for a thin and wrinkled neck. Steam the neck before commencing treatment, and work the oil gently with firm upward movements. Finish off by sponging with very cold water to which the juice of a lemon has been added.

#### Simple Exercises

Every woman who takes a pride in her appearance and wants to keep a firm and supple neckline must devote a few minutes every day to these simple exercises. A good one is to throw the head backwards, then bring it forward until the chin touches the chest.

Another is to make the neck take the whole strain of the movement without any assistance from the shoulders. Each day, look over your shoulder a dozen times, without moving your body in any way; this must be done slowly and deliberately.

If your neck has a crepe-like skin, you need a good tissue building oil, and this must be massaged gently in at least twice a day whenever possible—circular massage movements.

A few minutes massage with a good quality skin-food every night along with the simple head-turning exercises given above, done regularly will ease your neglected neck into a condition matching the school girl complexion of your well-cared-for face.

Take care to work all cream into your skin, any that is not absorbed must be carefully removed, for unless your skin is allowed to breathe freely it will inevitably take on a dull lifeless look, then all your regular exercises and massage treatment will have gone for nothing.

C. R.



# COULD YOU SPOT SIX LOSERS?

## Counsel's Challenge In Bets Case

Could you pick six losers in a day's racing?

Counsel threw out this challenge to the jury during the hearing of a case at the Old Bailey recently.

A retired inspector of the Bengal police and a postman had told of an alleged betting syndicate in which the public were offered 100 to one against picking a losing horse in six races.

They said that after several losing bets they won—but were not paid. Harold Johnson, aged thirty-seven, company director, pleaded not guilty to obtaining a number of postal orders by false pretences with intent to defraud.

Mr. L. A. Byrne (prosecuting) said that Johnson conducted a business called the Express Daily Sports Association. Circulars stating that the association paid investors 100 to 1 if they named six losing horses were sent out. These circulars also gave a list of rules—one that letters must be postmarked not later than the set time of the first race.

### "HEADS I WIN"

Mr. Byrne alleged that the rules were so framed that so far as the promoter was concerned it was a case of "Heads I win, tails you lose."

Mr. Graham Brooks (defending) invited the jury to try picking six losers.

"Get a morning paper when you retire during the adjournment," he said, "and see if you can pick six losers in the racing at Manchester to-day. Bear in mind that each horse has to be in a different race; must not be in the first three, and if you pick a horse that does not run you lose your money."

Johnson, who gave evidence, denied in cross-examination that though the rules made it difficult for people to win they "bore the stamp of dishonesty."

An insurance broker said that he had a number of bets with the association. He lost about £2, then won £5. As he hoped to effect an insurance deal with Johnson he called to see him and was paid his winnings in cash.

### BISLEY PLANS FOR 1938

### N.R.A. MEETING IN JULY

### ARMY'S NEW TYPE OF TARGET

The National Rifle Association will hold its 75th annual meeting at Bisley camp from Monday, July 4 to Saturday, July 10, on which day the final of the King's Prize will take place in the afternoon.

The prize distribution will follow soon after the last shot is fired.

The National Smallbore meeting will take place during the first week of Bisley, July 4 to 9, on the Running Deer range.

The meetings of the Army, Royal Navy and Royal Marine Rifle Associations will occupy Bisley ranges during the week immediately preceding the Imperial meeting, known as the "Services" week.

The Territorial Army will hold its meeting from July 3 and for the first three days of the Imperial meeting.

The Royal Force Rifle Association will hold its central meeting on Bisley ranges during the week beginning May 30.

The rifle allowed for the use at the N.R.A. meeting will be the same as for 1937. The Australian heavy barrel S.M.L.E. rifle, used by the Australian rifle team at the Coronation meeting this year, and with which they won the Empire and Kolapore matches, may only be used by bona fide Australian competitors.

### P. 14 RIFLES FOR SALE

The Government has now released for sale 2,000 pattern 1914 rifles—known as the "P. 14"—which type may be used in all competitions open to the S.R. (b) rifle—i.e., rifle fitted with sling and peepsight, both of which can be used as an aid to accuracy.

The N.R.A. Council hopes shortly to be able to provide spare barrels of private manufacture, and of Government specification, for sale to private owners of "P. 14" rifles who require new barrels, at a price within reach of all. The N.R.A. has still on hand a number of "P. 14" rifles, which can be hired either by the day or year at a modest charge.

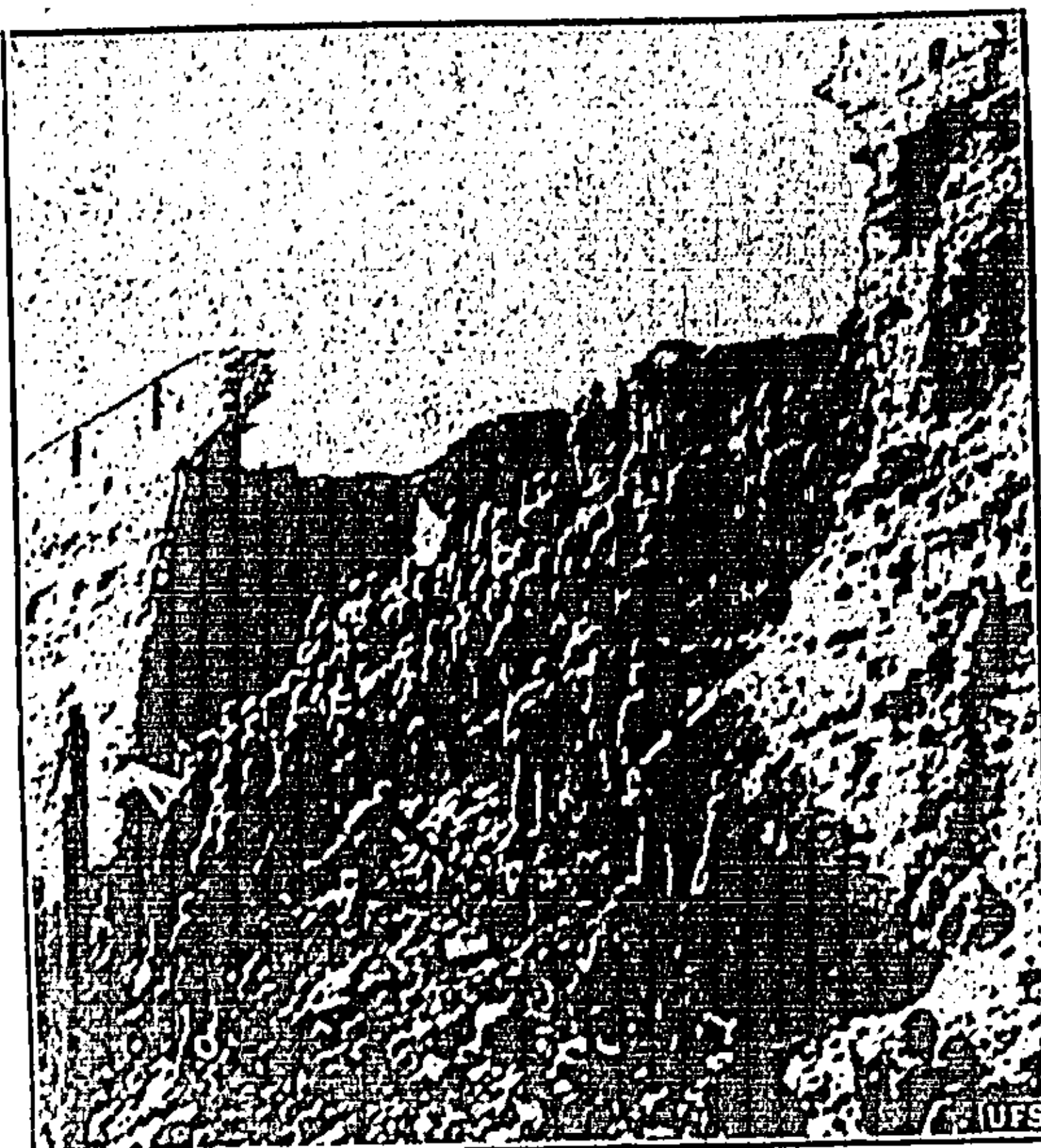
The dates on which the various competitions and matches take place will be the same as for 1937. There will be no competition in 1938 concurrent with the first stage of the King's Prize on the same lines as the 1937 Coronation competitions.

### N.R.A. TARGETS UNCHANGED

Although the Army Rifle Association is introducing a new type of target for its 1938 competitions, the N.R.A. will make no change from the 1937 targets. The R.N., R.M. and R.A.F. will almost certainly conform to the N.R.A. targets.

Two sighting shots, compulsory, and included in the entrance fee.

### MODERN GUNS: ANCIENT WALL



WALL FELL DOWN—This ancient Chinese wall about the city of Talyuan was formerly believed a formidable barrier against invading hordes. But when the inhabitants refused to surrender to the Japanese, recently, the attackers turned their big guns on it and presently found easy access to the city, as shown.

## THE DUKE OF WINDSOR

### "Might Become Serious Danger Politically," says Sheriff

It would be tactful and considerate, if the Duke of Windsor was allowed to become a private citizen, and was not made "copy" of by the Press, said Mr. Walter J. Robertson, Sheriff-Substitute of Lanarkshire, in Glasgow, when speaking recently at the annual dinner of the Glasgow and West of Scotland District of the Institute of Journalists, held in the Grosvenor Restaurant, Glasgow.

It was within the bounds of possibility, he added, that the Duke might in the future become a very serious danger politically.

Sheriff Robertson said that when Charles Bedaux, having booked himself on a liner of his choice, and labelled his destination Paris, arrived at Greenock, he hoped he would be unnoticed. Poor Bedaux got out at Greenock, and took a motor car, and he was chased 150 miles by a journalist, who "ran him down" at Carlisle. He refused to answer all the questions about a certain eminent person, now known as the Duke of Windsor.

"Now I would like to say this. His Royal Highness the Duke of Windsor has chosen to abdicate the highest position in the world to become a private citizen. Whether he fully realises he is a private citizen or not, I cannot say, but if he does not, it is not the fault of the Press. I would venture to suggest humbly that it would perhaps be a tactful and considerate thing if His Royal Highness was allowed to be a private citizen, and not made 'copy' of by every thing he does and everything he says and everything he is reported to do in the paper. (Hear, hear.)"

"It is quite within the bounds of possibility that the young gentleman might in the future become a very serious danger politically, in this or that way."

### B.B.C. AND SURNAME PRONUNCIATION COMMITTEE TO DECIDE

Pronunciation of surnames is the next subject for the B.B.C. Advisory Committee of Spoken English, of which Mr. Bernard Shaw is chairman. When the committee met again on Dec. 7 it considered a proposal that the B.B.C. should issue a booklet giving recommended pronunciations of about 500 English surnames.

Mr. Shaw and his colleagues have no intention of dictating the pronunciation of names to their owners. Here are some of the names reviewed:

Benuchamp, Poulett, Bellish, Pole-Carew, Bedaux, Pridoux, Powell, Cholmondeley, Waddell, Greenhugh, Waugh, Houston, Whewell, Ponsonby.

Though it was impossible, in the case of a given name, to arrive at a pronunciation acceptable to all its owners, the committee endeavoured to find the most general usage.

perhaps in some other nation, if the Press persists in making "copy" of him, and attributing an importance, which I should not have thought he would himself desire, to what he has done and to everything he says and does. It appears to me that, being a person who seeks obscurity, he should be allowed to obtain obscurity."

He had to confess, however, said Sheriff Robertson, that in the great majority of cases the Press of this country did not abuse the great power it had in its hands. It discharged its duties, which were difficult and dangerous duties at times, with tact and discretion, and, indeed, with wisdom and capacity.

When our country passed recently through a somewhat trying dynastic crisis, which, with the standing lack of the British Empire, had been solved to our immense advantage, the Press of this country, differing from a discretion—and a good feeling and good taste, which could not have been expected, and which entitled it to the grateful tribute and admiration of everyone who knew what was going on as well as they did, and really how trying and difficult it was for the Press of this country to say anything whatever about it.

But having distinguished itself in a way no other Press would have done, and no other Press did, they might be content and exhibit the same tact in this matter in the future.

EX-Treasurer P. J. Dolan, Glasgow, said he felt that the Duke of Windsor should be given the same kindness and the same tenderness of treatment as was shown to him in his hour of defeat and humiliation. He should be left to live his life in his own way.

## Lady Astor's Niece Sings In Night Club To Forget Tragedy

Adelaide Moffet, beautiful twenty-one-year-old daughter of a millionaire, and a niece by marriage of Lady Astor, began a career as a night club singer in New York recently.

### FOUR YEARS WITH ABORIGINES

Dr. Donald Thomson, the young anthropologist from Melbourne University, who lived with the Aborigines in North Australia for four years as one of them, is leaving for England. He says he is most discouraged by the Federal Government's failure to realise its duties to the natives. He would never think of returning to Australia.

He describes the decision to permit watering places to be built at Arnhem Land and the building of a flying boat base at Groote Eylandt, the largest island in the Gulf of Carpentaria, both native reserves, as outrages against humanity which shock the world.

If the natives there, he said, came into contact with whites they were bound to perish and the finest remaining tribes of Aborigines would thus disappear.

## Science Versus Criminal

### Bringing About the Downfall of the Wrongdoer

Confronted with minute particles of coal dust taken from an old wound in his hand, a German miner who had denied that he was in the Ruhr district when a murder was committed recently, confessed to the crime. Unknown to him, he had carried this tiny indelible clue which was to become "damning" evidence against him.

In British crime annals too, particularly since the development of police laboratories, seemingly insignificant clues have frequently led to the wrongdoer's undoing.

One of the most recent examples was the case of Leslie George Stone, the 24-year-old sandpitt labourer, who murdered Ruby Keen in a "lovers' lane" at Leighton Buzzard, Bedfordshire.

A piece of silk thread about an inch long from the girl's dress, and grains of sand similar to that at the scene of the crime, found in the accused man's clothing, became important links in the prosecution's chain of evidence which led Stone to the scaffold.

CANDLE GREASE CLUE  
Candle grease found in a prisoner's pocket was submitted to tests at the Cardiff City Police Laboratory and resulted in a burglar's conviction and sentence. It was compared with grease left on the carpet of the house which had been entered, and both "exhibits" were proved to be identical with wax from a candle at the thief's lodgings.

It sounds simple enough, but before arriving at their decision the experts tested no fewer than 17 candles of different makes and prices, and all were found to vary in composition.

Chips of enamel left on a damaged gate after it had been hit by a car, proved the falsity of a motorist's denial, also at Cardiff, that he had been involved in an accident. Chemical tests at the laboratory proved beyond a doubt that the enamel was similar to that on the car. Result, the driver admitted the collision.

The fate of a shopbreaker at Hastings depended upon a spider's web. He suggested that the intruder had entered by a certain window, but an observant detective noticed the web across the panes, searched his informant's flat, and there was the missing property.

TELL-TALE TEETH MARKS  
A man's footprint in an unbacked tray of shortbread was the principal evidence against a youth found guilty of breaking into a grocery store at Hereford, and a robber at Winchester who was careless enough to leave his teeth-marks in a piece of cheese. This count of his teeth, and a forensic examination of four silvery hairs returned a "venerable" "old" to yet another "stretch" at Durham Quarter Sessions, and tiny pieces of glass falling unnoticed into the turn-ups of a shopbreaker's trousers at Plymouth were silent testimony to the fact that it was he who had gained entry by cutting out a pane of glass.

In several murder trials the slenderest of clues have become important factors in establishing the criminal's guilt.

Patrick Malton, the Crumbles murderer, little thought that a cloakroom ticket would lead to his downfall; nor did William Podmore, convicted of the Southampton garage crime, realise that a chance remark made to a fellow-prisoner while he was "in the hole" for another offence would lead to his conviction.

Some such importance at his trial on the capital charge.

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## RADIO BROADCAST

### 'London Pride' and Other Relays from London

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H.K.T. 12.00-12.20 p.m. Relay of Special Service from St. John's Cathedral.

12.30 Reginald Foort at the Cinema Organ.  
Keep Smiling! (Foort); The A.B.C. March (Foort and Ferring); Broadway Melody of 1938—Selection; The Singing Marine—Selection.

12.42 New Symphony Orchestra.  
'Le Cid' Ballet Music—(Massenet); (a) Castillane; (b) Aubade; (c) Andalous; (d) Aragonaise; (e) Madrilène; (f) Navarraise.

1.00 Time and Weather.  
1.03 Alfredo Campoli and His Orchestra and Les Allen (Baritone).  
Canzonetta (D'Ambrosio); Cavatina (Raffi);...Orchestra; Dear Little Boy Of Mine (Brennan and Ball);...Les Allen (soprano); by Sidney Torch (Organ); because (from 'Two Love Sonnets'—Gade); Why? (from 'Two Love Sonnets'—Gade);...Orchestra; Radio Requests (Les Allen's Most Appreciated Songs);...Les Allen (soprano); by Sidney Torch (Organ); The Knave Of Diamonds (Steele);...Orchestra; Savanore Espagnole (Chaminade arr. Kreisler); Guitarre, Op. 45, No. 2 (Moszkowski, Sarasate);...Alfredo Campoli (Violin).

1.30 Reuter and Rugby Press; Weather and Announcements.  
1.40 Relay of Rotary Tiffin Speech from the Roof Garden of the Hongkong Hotel. Speaker: T. B. Wilson. Subject: 'My Trip to the Hoover'.

2.15 Close Down.  
6.00-7.00 Chinese Programme.  
7.00 Dance Music.  
Fox-Trots—Let's Put Our Heads Together (film 'Gold Diggers of 1937'); With Plenty Of Money and You (film 'Gold Diggers of 1937');...Roy Fox and His Orchestra; Sweet Lullaby (from 'Wallkiki Wedding'); The Merry-Go-Round Broke Down...Billy Cotton and His Band; I Saw A Ship A-Sailing...Brian Lawrence and His Orchestra.

7.15 Closing local Stock Quotations and Hongkong Exchange Market Report.  
7.20 London Relay—'All Kinds of People'—1.  
'My Memories of the Tsar Nicholas II at his Coronation' A talk by Colonel E. St. C. Pemberton.

7.35 Variety.  
Vocal—Look Up And Laugh—Medley; Film Waltz Songs—Medley.  
...Gracie Fields with Organ Accompaniment; Vocal and Instrumental—Blaze Away (Kennedy and Holmwood); Many Happy Returns Of The Day (Dubin and Burke);...Eddie Peabody (Vocal) playing various instruments; Comedian—You Can't Go Away Like That (Miller); Weeping Willow (Miller);...Max Miller; Novelty—Blazin' The Trail (Samuels, Whitcomb and Powell); Twilight On The Trail (film 'The Trail of the Lonesome Pine');...The Hill Billies.

8.00 Local Time Signal, Weather Report and Announcements.  
8.03 Variety continued.  
Vocal—A Place In Your Heart (Sam Coslow); The Very Thought Of You (Ray Noble);...Sam Coslow (Tenor); Piano-Accordion Band—An Revolt (J. G. Gilbert); A Waltz Was Born In Vienna (Crooker and Loew);...London Piano-Accordion Band.

8.15 London Relay—'London Pride'.  
A Programme in praise of London compiled from the tributes of visitors through the centuries. Devised and written by D. F. Allen. Produced by Pascoe Thornton.

8.55 A Short Concert by Claudia Muzio (Soprano) and Camels (Cello).  
La Bohème—Yes, They Call Me Mimì (Puccini); Cavalleria Rusticana—Mother, you know the story (Mascagni);...Claudia Muzio; Moment Musical (Schubert); Le Cygne (Saint-Saens); Apres Un Reve (Faure); Chanson Villageoise (Popper—Op. 62, No. 2);...Camels.

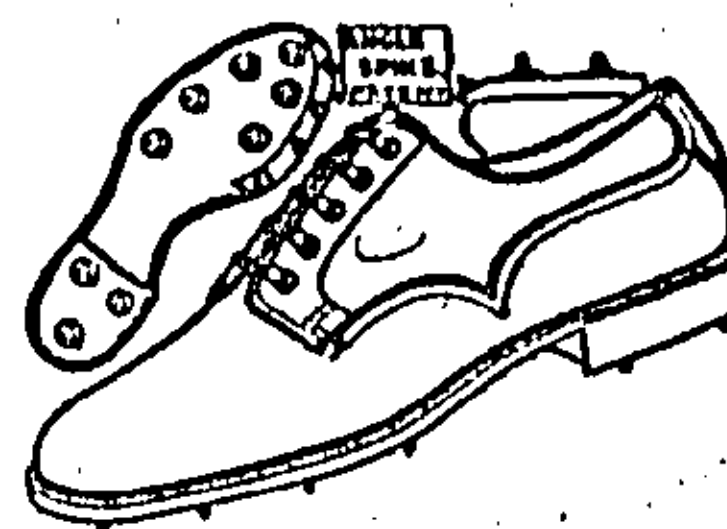
9.15 London Relay—'Rubb Wilton'.  
As Mr. Middlecombe, J. P., in 'The Court of Not-So-Common, Please!'.  
Written by Rubb Wilton on an original idea by Barry Bernard Presented by Max Kester.

9.30 London Relay—The News.  
9.50 Beethoven—Symphony No. 4 in Flat, Op. 60.  
Felix Weingartner cond. the London Philharmonic Orchestra.

10.15 Songs by Jussi Bjorling (Tenor).  
'Aida' (Verdi)—Heavenly Aida, divine Aida; 'La Bohème' (Puccini)—Your tiny hand is frozen.

10.25 Light Variety Concert.  
Orchestra—Puccini, Digo (Pensati); O Cara Mia (Broadbent, arr. Pagar);...A. J. Pensati and His Orchestra; Vocal—I'm In The Mood For Love (McHugh, Fields); I Wishd On The Moon (Ratner, Parker);...Lanny Ross; Orchestra—Rise And Shine (Seligman); Sydney Kyle and His Pleadingly Hot Band; Vocal—Swing (film 'Public Nuisance No. 1'); Me And My Dog (film 'Public Nuisance No. 1');...Frances Day (Soprano); Orchestra—What's Yours?—A Convivial Medley (arr. Deboy Somers) (Continued on Page 4.)

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# MANY FIRST DIVISION TEAMS MEET IN F. A. CUP

## WOLVES CLASH WITH ARSENAL

London, Jan. 10. Several First Division teams will be in opposition in the fourth round of the F. A. Cup, the draw of which was made to-day. The matches will be played on January 22.

Preston North End will be at home to Leicester, Brentford to Portsmouth, Charlton to Leeds, Wolves to Arsenal and Everton to Sunderland.

The only senior team to have been drawn at home to a lower division side is Huddersfield, which will meet Notts County.

The following is the result of the draw:

F. A. CUP (Fourth Round)	
Preston N.E.	v. Leicester
Scarborough or Luton	v. Grimsby or Swindon
Huddersfield	v. Notts County
Notts Forest	v. Middlesbrough
York	v. West Brom.
Brentford	v. Portsmouth
Charlton	v. Leeds
Wolves	v. Arsenal
Aston Villa	v. Blackpool
Sheffield U.	v. Crystal Pal. or Liverpool
New Brighton	v. Tottenham
Everton	v. Sunderland
Bradford C. or Chesterfield	v. Wednesday or Burnley
Bradford	v. Stoke
Millwall or Manchester C.	v. Bury
Southend or Barnsley	v. Middlesbrough or United.

—Reuter.

## Racing Impossible As Business Trainer Gives His Views

London, Dec. 10. Mr. Stanley Wootton, famous racing trainer, recently appointed a magistrate, explained yesterday why he has decided to cut down his stable to only a few horses. A few years ago he regularly had forty or fifty in training. "I have come to the conclusion that racing as a business is impossible. The costs are enormous, even when racing on the most modest lines," he said. "Something drastic will need to be done by those who control the sport if more and more of the smaller owners are not squeezed out."

"Men like Sir Hugh Coulthard-Owen, one of the cleverest business brains in the world, made his money out of tobacco. He treated racing as his hobby. "So did the late Lord Dewar and Woolavington, who found the wherewithal to carry on in whisky. "Look around and you will find that most of our leading owners are big industrialists or have gained wealth from some source quite outside racing. "One well-known non-betting man who headed the list of winning owners some years ago with an enormous total assured me that his profit on the season was only £3,000. "The great majority of owners to-day could not carry on without successful betting."

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Members of the Chinese Y.M.C.A. badminton team, participating in the 1937-38 season of the Colony. In the front row, second from the right is C. E. Ching who, with Wong, won the doubles championship. —Herald Photo.

## RECREIO "A" FORGES FURTHER AHEAD ST. ANDREW'S BEATEN IN BADMINTON LEAGUE

Scoring a 7-2 victory over St. Andrew's last evening, the Club de Recreio "A" have assumed undisputed leadership in the "A" Division of the Men's Badminton League. They now have ten points from five matches, two points ahead of the Chinese Y.M.C.A., who have played the same number of matches.

The University "A", who have won three of their four matches, were down to meet the Club de Recreio "B" last night but the latter conceded them a walk-over and the undergraduates thus remain in the running for the championship, also with eight points. For the Club de Recreio "A" yesterday, L. A. Carvalho and A. M. Silva were in magnificent form. Playing well together, they made short work of the St. Andrew's pair, winning easily by 21-5, 21-9 and 21-10. They were never extended, not even by W. C. Choy and H. Kew. As expected, M. A. Oliveira and J. R. Almeida, one of the roundest pairs in the Colony, won their three games. They were far too well-equipped in their strokes to be in danger of going down to any of the opposing pairs. The third string, H. A. Alves and H. A. Barros, did not fare so well as the other two combinations, losing two of their three games. They were outplayed by Choy and Kew but only lost to F. A. Broadbridge and F. V. Wong.

King's College kept within the top half of the table by beating the University "B", for whom C. H. Soon, a member of the "A" team last year, turned out. K. H. Lo and W. C. Chung were the weakest King's pair and were responsible for dropping the only two games which the side conceded. Scores: King's College defeated University "B" 7-2. P. Chan and H. N. Chung (King's) beat C. E. Heng and M. S. Lim 21-9, 21-10, 21-10. H. A. Barros and H. A. Alves (St. Andrew's) beat C. H. Soon and S. S. Lo 21-5, 21-9, 21-10. H. A. Barros and H. A. Alves (St. Andrew's) beat C. H. Soon and S. S. Lo 21-5, 21-9, 21-10. H. A. Barros and H. A. Alves (St. Andrew's) beat C. H. Soon and S. S. Lo 21-5, 21-9, 21-10.

RECREIO v. ST. ANDREW'S	
Club de Recreio "A" beat St. Andrew's	7-2
L. A. Carvalho and A. M. Silva (Recreio) beat E. F. Fincher and A. S. Bliss	21-5, 21-9, 21-10

## Wembley Decision Deferred

London, Dec. 14. It was expected that the Football Association would yesterday definitely decide to approve the plans which have been prepared for the enlargement of Wembley Stadium and continue to play the Cup Final and England and Scotland matches there, but details of the scheme have yet to be settled and a formal decision was deferred until the next meeting of the Council on January 10.

I understand (writes Arbitrator) that these details relate to the dates by which the alterations will be carried out. New proposals had been submitted by the Wembley authorities in regard to these, and there had not been time to consider them.

Plans for reconstruction provide for the accommodation to be increased from 85,000 to 100,000, and it is intended to carry out the work in stages. The first will be to extend the terraces at each end of the stadium. Afterwards the stands will be enlarged to give more seating accommodation. The Association's contract has still seven years to run, but so urgent is the need for a bigger stadium that it is not intended to wait until this expires before starting the alterations. It is hoped that there will be room for about 40,000 more people at the matches in season 1938-39.

## ARSENAL TRANSFER MILNE

Jack Milne, the Arsenal wing forward, was last month transferred to Middlesbrough for a fee of between £4,000 and £5,000. Middlesbrough have been in search of a first-class winger for several weeks and they had watched Parker, the Portsmouth left winger, but no business was transacted. They turned their attention to Milne, of Arsenal, and Mr. Wilfred Gillow, the Middlesbrough manager, dashed to London and secured the player's signature. Milne was formerly with Blackburn Rovers. It is a coincidence that before he joined the Arsenal Middlesbrough made overtures for his transfer but were not successful.

### Cricket Notes

## UNKNOWN TALENT IN THE FLEET

Navy's Excellent Show Against Hongkong C. C.

(By "R. Abbit")

In view of the great difficulties with which the Navy were faced, I was particularly glad to see the excellent show they made against a useful team of the Club on Saturday last. I have always maintained that there is a lot of talent going about in the Fleet that does not get dug up until an emergency occurs.

With the bat I see that the two gentlemen, whom I had tipped to carry the baby, actually made 108 runs out of the 147 for eight which were upon the score-board when stumps were drawn, but if none of the others got runs on Saturday they would have been quite well. Eleven overs for 31 runs and 3 wickets is by no means bad considering he got Hayward, T. E. Pearce and Haynes. As a matter of fact, just for a time things looked awkward for the Club but Allen hit very hard and though he only got three runs, Wodhouse (Hongkong papers please copy spelling) captured wickets for some time until things looked pretty safe. As a matter of fact he was slumped rather unfortunately as far as I could see for the ball seemed to come back from the wicket-keeper's hands. The Club actually had two more quite good batsmen to go in besides the not out Baines, but one incident undoubtedly affected the scoring in connection with the time.

Actually I am told the Club declared at 4 o'clock with 161 runs, but of these more than 20 were made very quickly in the last couple of overs after Allen had actually been bowled. It is possibly owing to the position Wodhouse taken up behind the stumps that the ball very often comes back from his hands into the wicket. An incident like this happened in the Triangular Tournament. In that case, and in the one of which I am speaking the wicket was broken as the ball passed it and then it was hit a second time on the rebound. In this case the umpire did not consider this had happened though both the wicket-keeper and the square leg umpire (who of course could say nothing unless he had been asked by the other umpire) were quite certain that the man was bowled. It might have taken much longer to get those quick runs at the end with the new scoring so much as wickets going down.

The Navy too were pretty lucky to find both their batsmen in form. I was rather surprised to see that both Wodhouse and Alice Pearce were put on to bowl before J. Pearce, who only sent down three overs for 10 runs and Whitmarsh's wicket. The Navy at that time were going for the runs but Hayward had not hesitated to take the risk in a much closer game a week before, and I should have thought he might have bowled him a bit more this time. However, there may be reasons of which I know nothing.

INTERESTING ARMY GAME  
The game between the Army and K.C.C. was an excellent one to watch. I only arrived in time to see the Army bat, but I am told that Ernle Fincher played an excellent knock.



Ernle Fincher. He played an excellent knock.

knock. They were however a little out of form in their 164 for 9 wickets declared. For the Army, by far the most interesting innings was that of Major Rawstone who made about as many runs as the number of different ways in which his name has been spelt in the local papers. He went in at the time when it seemed almost impossible that the Army should get runs but by beautiful forcing cricket with the aid of Chiversall it looked at one time as if K.C.C. would be beaten. The feature of Rawstone's innings was his off driving in which he played a beautiful free swing and beat the ball tremendously hard without the slightest apparent effort. His two straight sixes were magnificent strokes played without much apparent effort and would have gone out of most grounds. However, when Lloyd went on the second time both he and Chiversall went in the Navy within about six balls of each other and when Godby was very well caught and bowled by Robert Lee the Army had to give up all idea of getting the runs, though Cheney hit some gallant fours in the last two overs. It was a most interesting match to watch though extremely cold. The Army seem to be shaking down into a useful side and it is a great pity that the departure of the Scaforth's is going to make them start all over again. I will deal with the remainder of the games in my Friday's article.

## HERO OF UNIVERSITY RUGGER ENCOUNTER MAYHEW CONTRIBUTES TO A GREAT OXFORD VICTORY

(By Trevor Wignall)

A lanky young fellow named Mayhew, hailing from Hillybury, was the hero of the annual Rugby match between Oxford and Cambridge Universities at Twickenham recently.

He had more to do with the big and unexpected victory of the Dark Blues than any other individual. Oxford won by one converted goal and four tries (17 points), and it was in keeping with the result that Mayhew scored two of his fifteen tries.

Very few on the ground had heard much about him until he dipped his tall form into the scrums. He was one of Oxford's back row forwards, and consequently a skilful, but the match had not been in progress many minutes before the question "Who's Number 15?" was being heard everywhere.

Mayhew may not be much of a pusher, but he is in the Tom Voece and Cherry Pillman class as a loose forward.

He has exceptional speed, a safe pair of hands, a keen Rugby brain,

and the knack given only to a few of being dead on the spot when the bouncing ball is looking for some one to grasp it.

### BEST FOR SEASONS

Mayhew was the outstanding individual in a game that provided the best display of Rugby seen anywhere for years. He was not particularly prominent in the line-out, for the reason that there were no long lines, but whenever the scrums broke up, or there was a bit of passing to be done, it was a hundred to one that Number Fifteen was mixed up in it.

He is the best newcomer for many seasons, and he is such a natural Rugby man that he would probably be a success as a three-quarter. He was born, however, to be a roving forward, and it was as such that he captured most of the limelight in this match.

The crushing defeat of Cambridge was a Rugby sensation. The Light Blues were such favourites that many thought it was a waste of time

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## O'REILLY TROUBLES BATSMEN

Brilliant Bowling Performance

Adelaide, Dec. 18.  
A brilliant spell of bowling by W. J. O'Reilly, who took five wickets for one run, brought about a remarkable change of fortune in the Sheffield Shield match between New South Wales and South Australia here to-day.

New South Wales lost their four wickets for 45 runs and were all out for 337. South Australia made a good start and, with the total at 145 for one, looked like making a big score. Then O'Reilly found his length and sent back five batsmen at a cost of one run. South Australia's total at the close of play was 163 for six.

After losing C. L. Badcock, who made only two, South Australia made good progress with R. S. Whittington and D. G. Bradman together for the second wicket. Both played cautiously, and so well set did they look that it seemed possible they might play out-time. The reappearance of O'Reilly, however, brought disaster for the home side. Whittington was the first to go, being caught by Bradman after scoring 54. Robinson followed and was bowled before scoring, and Bradman was the next to fall, being caught for 91. Waite and Walker went the way of the other batsmen, and stumps were drawn shortly afterwards.

## GOLF DRAW MADE

Junior Competition At Fanling

The draw for the first round of the Hongkong Golf Club Junior Championship has been completed. The first named player in each round is the challenger and must fix the date for play. Starting times, if required, should be asked for in the usual way. The draw resulted as follows:

E. G. Smith-Wright v. T. Lov.  
R. K. Littlejohn v. H. Overy.  
R. Hancock v. R. S. Johnson.  
B. J. B. Morahan v. R. K. M. Simpson.  
H. H. Mundy v. R. E. H. Nelson.  
R. G. Gray v. T. E. Pearce.  
G. S. Archbutt v. W. Woodward.  
J. L. C. Pearce v. W. W. C. She-wan.

The first round to be played on or before January 23; second round on



A scene in "Melody For Two," now showing at the King's Theatre, in which James Melton and Patricia Ellis are co-starred. A famous radio favourite, Melton comes to the screen for the third time.

## REFEREES DECIDE AT LAST

Alteration In Date Of Annual Meeting

The decision of the Hongkong Referees Association to alter the date of its annual meeting from January until the first Monday in September, was the subject of much discussion at the annual meeting yesterday. It was pointed out that if the proposal were carried, it would not come into force until 1939 so it was decided to hold an extraordinary general meeting prior to the proposed annual meeting in September, when the date of the annual meeting would be brought forward.

Officers elected were:—Mr. T. G. Stokes, President; Mr. D. Kossick, Secretary and Treasurer; Messrs. Martin (Navy), MacCormac (Army) and Omar (Civilians), Committee. The invitation from the Philippines for the services of a first class referee was declined owing to the inability of a member to make the trip.

The meeting said goodbye to Mr. E. G. Isley who will shortly leave. Mr. Pryde, Chairman, paid a tribute to the great service which Mr. Isley had done for the Association.

or before February 6; semi-final on or before February 20, and the final (36 holes) on or before February 27.

## TABLE TENNIS CUP PRESENTED FOR COMPETITION

Local Association To Organise Leagues

The Hongkong Ping Pong Association instituted a movement last month to raise funds for the wounded Chinese soldiers. A meeting has been called for 7.30 p.m. to-morrow at the Confucius Club, Hollywood Road, where the organising of leagues for men and women will be discussed. To this end cups have been presented by the Chinese Newspaper Correspondents' Union and Mr. Yee Chow-shui, the famous Chinese stage and cinema comedian.

It is anticipated that the best players from Hongkong, Canton, Shanghai and Macao will participate in these leagues, among whom are several who represented China at the Far Eastern Olympic Games.

Arrangements will also be made to facilitate the appearances of Miklos Szabados and Istvan Kelen, the Hungarian world champions who recently passed through the Colony on a visit to Japan, but who will be returning again in March.

## HERO OF VARSITY TUSSLE

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to travel to foggy Twickenham, but the plain truth is that they were beaten fifteen within a few minutes of the kick-off.

### LICKED, HUMBLD

They were licked and humbled and removed from Oxford's path entirely because their well-known triangle was throttled long before it could ever get on the move.

The person principally responsible for this was Frankes, who until very recently was Oxford's full-back.

Recently he was at left-centre, and if there is justice on earth he will be hoisted on high when he returns to Oxford—hoisted and applauded because his tackling was not only deadly, but among the finest ever seen at famed Twickenham.

The tactics of the Cambridge back division were so completely mechanical and orthodox that they really offered themselves as a sacrifice to the Oxford defence, but even this did not harm the game as a spectacle.

### THEY DISAPPOINTED

The second half was better than the first for there were frequently movements that proved that the open game in Rugby has not become an entirely lost art.

Cambridge had infinitely the better of the tight scrums, heeling from nine out of ten, but that was the limit of their superiority. Their backs got going only to be mowed down like chaff in a gale, and they never looked like scoring save when Bruce-Lockhart "dropped" his neat and smart goal.

Cambridge were a great disappointment to all and sundry, perhaps even to the King who is himself a Cambridge man, and who was present to witness the downfall of his varsity.

In every way it was a grand match, and the only slowness was contributed by the band when they played the National Anthem. On each occasion the big crowd was ahead of it by two lengths at the finish.

Prince Obolensky, the speedy Oxford wing, was scarcely seen, the ball unfortunately not running his way. The only real opportunity he had came late in the game—and he was then brought down with a Soccer trip.

Mayhew stood out as the man of the day, but close behind him were Cooke, the Oxford scrum-half, and Roden. Those who will not want to remember the "Varsity" match of 1937 are the Cambridge triangle.

# M.C.C. COMMISSION MAKES ITS REPORT

## COMPREHENSIVE SURVEY

By H. J. Henley

After nine months of careful study the commission "appointed by the Marylebone Cricket Club at the request of the Advisory County Cricket Committee to investigate the problems confronting the counties taking part in the First-Class County Cricket Championship" have produced their report. It is long, it is complicated, it is many-sided, and it contains no bombshells. The commissioners, W. Findlay, R. C. N. Parlairet, and R. H. Mallett, do not wave the red flag of revolution. They have approached cricket as a great game, too complex and honoured to be lightly despoiled, not as a mere recreation for the mob, which can be "jazzed" to suit the mood of an hour.

In considering their viewpoints and their recommendations it is necessary to recall the situation which led to the creation of the commission. At the end of the season of 1936, after a series of wet, bleak summers, many county clubs were in a desperate state of poverty. The wolf which had been kept at bay for so long was at the doorway at last, and it looked as if some of the committee were prepared to adopt any wild scheme which seemed to have even a remote chance of increasing "gates." They had forgotten, as the commissioners generally do in such circumstances, that their troubles were in a big measure caused by the bad weather, which had equally affected the hire of boats on the rivers, the ice-cream trade, seaside boarding houses and hotels, and everything else which depends upon sunshine for profit. But the counties only saw that their balance-sheets were bad and a crisis approaching rapidly. So they did what they generally do in times of trouble and turned to the M.C.C. for aid.

The commissioners had many schemes brought before them, but they have carefully refrained from recommending the more drastic forms of "reform," such as allowing the visiting team to bat first instead of tossing for innings, period play, two-day matches, a longer over, and a method of promotion and relegation from teams of different divisions. Indeed, of the changes they do recommend that are more directly concerned with the manner of play as distinct from financial jugglery, two present any cause for reasonable objection. Of these, one applies to short-pitched fast bowling, commonly known as "negative length," the other to a reduction in the number of first-class counties.

In regard to "negative length," they contend that much of the dull play is caused by the bowlers rather than by the batsmen, and they suggest that a line or lines should be drawn across the wicket, beyond which bowlers would be required to pitch the ball, or be penalised in some way, presumably by being "no-balled." But here we are on very slippery ground. The spot where "negative length" meets the ground differs appreciably with the pace of the pitch and the speed of different bowlers. Are we then to have half a dozen lines drawn across the wicket, or is a groundman, armed with brush and bucket and whitewash, to rush forth periodically and change the position of the line? Moreover, an accurate bowler would soon learn to pitch the ball mechanically an inch or two over the line, and still be negative in effect but not in law. Consider, too, the unfortunate umpire. He cannot have eyes everywhere. There are too many snags here for comfort.

### LINE FOR BOWLING?

No doubt balls short of a length used persistently do slow down the scoring, although the many batsmen who now play right back to everything and regard a forward push stroke as old-fashioned, cannot be considered innocent parties. They turn into "negative" bowling deliveries which used to be driven. But if a player regularly and gloriously bowls with purely defensive intentions and is obviously doing more harm than good to the county his committee always has the power to drop him from the side. That is a power far stronger than a dozen cross-the-wicket lines.

In regard to the curtailment of the championship the commissioners suggest that the number of competitors in the first-class division should be reduced from seventeen to fifteen. In this way, they say, it would be possible for all the sides to meet each other which would do away with the percentage method of judging results, and the amount of first-class inter-county cricket would be reduced from about 236 matches to 210, thereby allowing extra representative matches to be played. But here again we are on slippery ground. Who would be the two teams excised? To send down to the second-class division the two counties finishing at the bottom of the first-class table might mean the sudden disappearance of one of the most popular teams—and no hint is given of how the team could ever be brought back again.

This, however, is the affair of the counties themselves, a point which often escapes notice. For they have a perfect right to control their own destinies. They could introduce a relegation or promotion rule next week if a majority of the committee were in favour of it. The M.C.C. govern the game at large, but they do not want to interfere with the domestic affairs of a competition. They have no more desire to direct the County Championship than they wish to have a finger in the Lancashire League.

It was the Advisory County Cricket Committee, which consist of a representative of each first-class county, three from the Minor Counties Association, and one from the M.C.C., who introduced the two-day match scheme which helped to save the season just after the war. It is the Advisory County Committee, not the M.C.C., who change the method of deciding the Championship from time to time, and who are responsible for the cumbersome collection of first-innings' points and elaborate percentages. The M.C.C. it is true,

have eventually to sanction all proposals, but what the Advisory Committee pass it never turned down. So if the counties consider that they have not a satisfactory Championship they have only themselves to blame.

### TEST MATCH PROFITS

The first part of the commissioners' report, which is devoted to finance, with especial attention paid to the manner of allotting Test match profits, will be more to the taste of financiers than to the average follower of cricket, and the question of county "gates" and the advisability or otherwise of passing on to the public the entertainment tax, is purely the concern of the club officials, who are at liberty to make their own decisions. More important from the spectators' point of view are the suggestions in regard to hours of play—the intervals, and other matters connected with the clock. The commissioners have done especially good work in stressing the evils of wasting time—surely the quickest way to irritate a crowd—and they would rearrange matters that no tea interval could be taken shortly after the interval between innings, and remove the frittering away of five minutes here or there which at present happens so wantonly. They would also cause it to be impossible for hours of play to be altered at the will of the teams on the third day, and make it a rule for the in-going batsman on all occasions to meet the out-going batsman before he enters the pavilion. Everyone who follows cricket will greet all this with hearty approval. Intervals illegally prolonged do not benefit the players, and there is no excuse for dawdling. It is a pity that a suggestion is not made to prevent refreshment from being taken out on the field between the refreshment intervals except on very exceptional occasions.

The commissioners point out that their recommendations have not yet been considered by any of the governing bodies, and no doubt before any changes are definitely made in the conduct of the game much will be whittled away and many a suggestion turned down. But if they succeed in bringing home to the counties even the importance of punctuality the commission will have been worth while. "WATCH-MAN."

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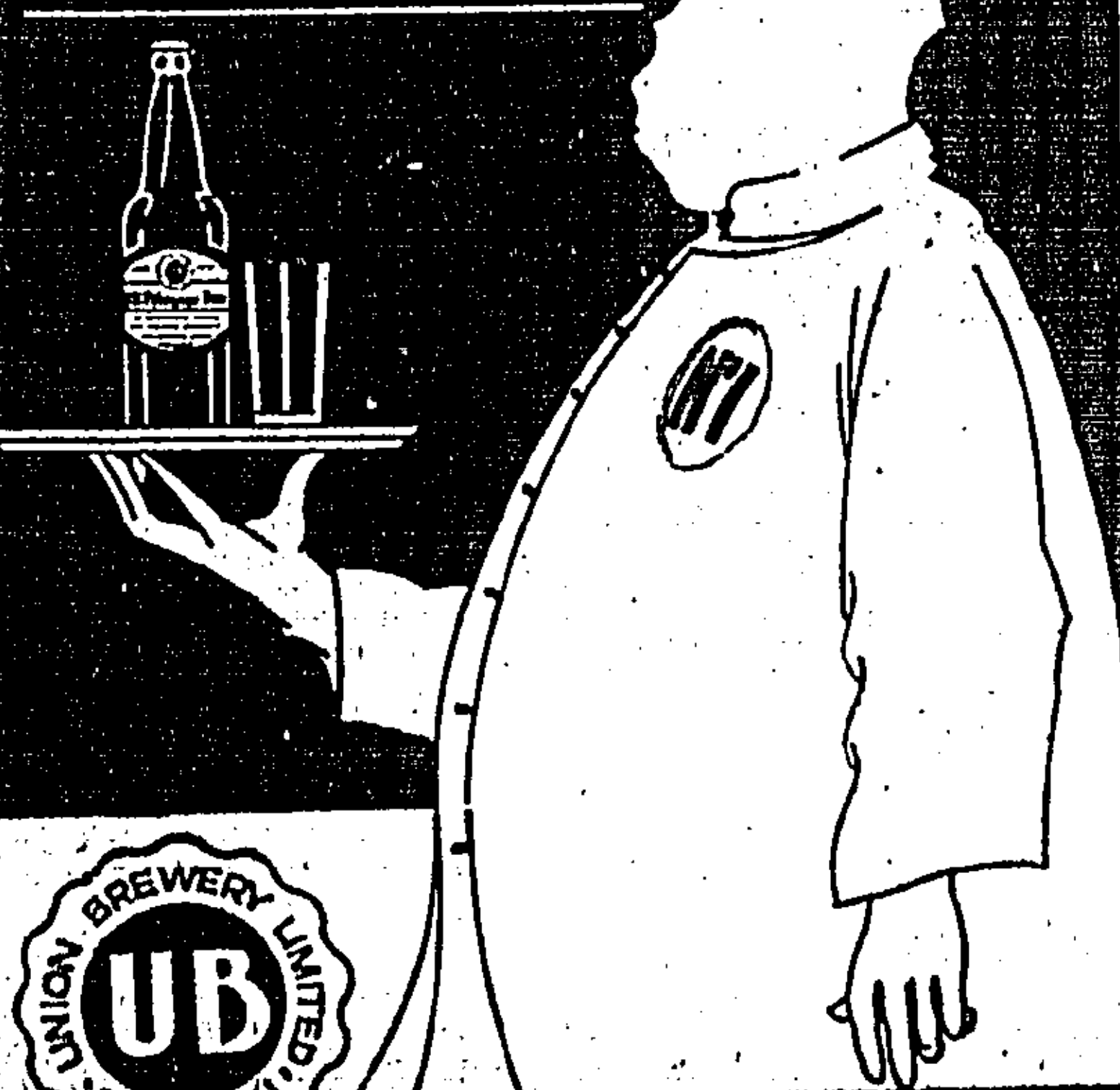
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# HAPPENINGS AS SEEN BY THE CAMERA'S EYE



**MARVEL ON BLADES**—Many nations were represented in the Winter Sports Carnival in Madison Square Garden, Dec. 7-11. Here is a striking action picture of Vera Hruba, Czechoslovakian figure skating champion, as she practised at a New York rink in preparation for the contests. Miss Hruba is widely known in European ice-skating centres.

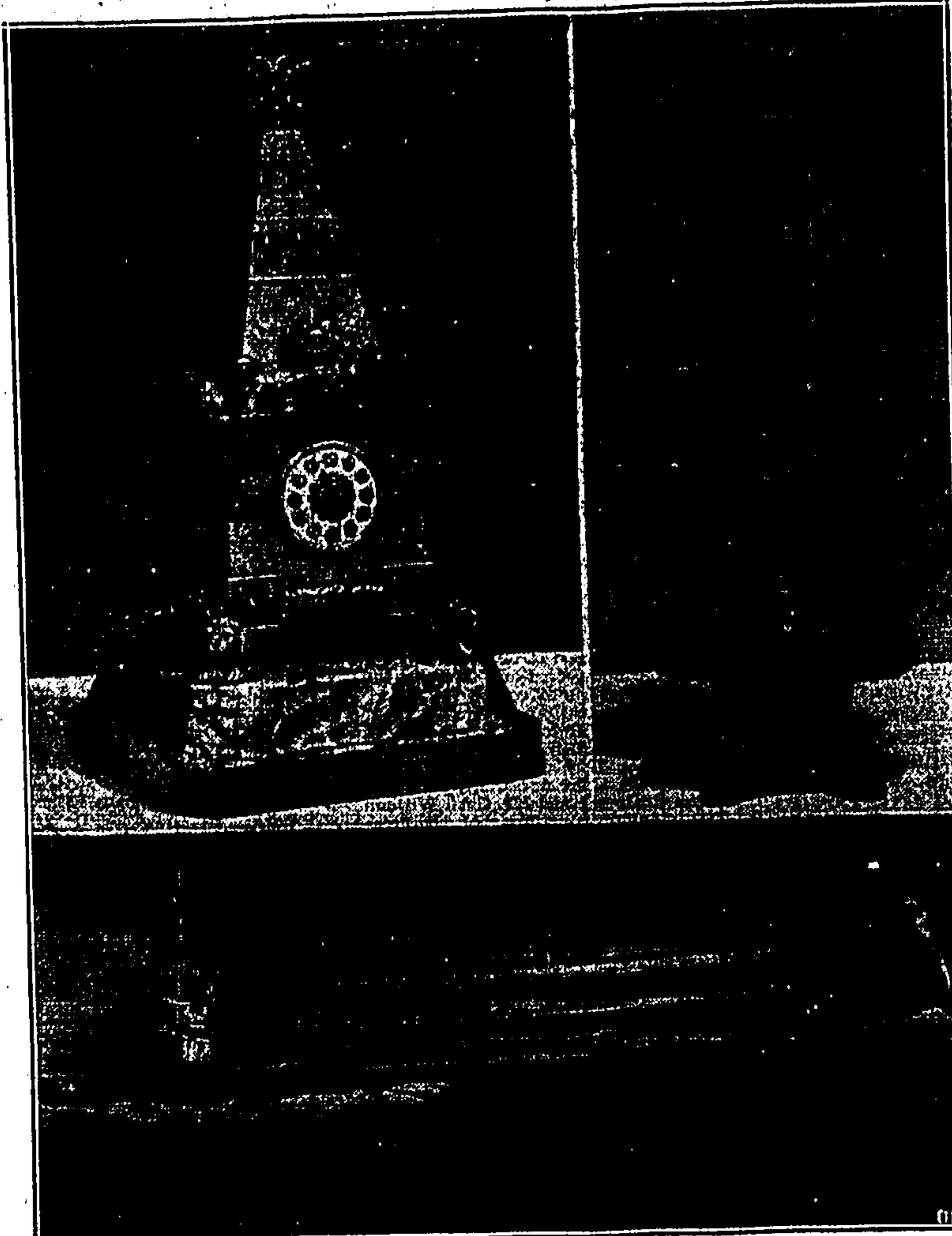


**HELD AT ELLIS ISLAND**—Arriving in New York to join a night club revue, Magda de Fontanges, who shot Count Charles Pinstone de Chambrun at a Paris railway station last March, over her avowed romance with Premier Mussolini of Italy, was taken by immigration authorities to Ellis Island. She is shown above as she awaited a hearing. She is under a year's suspended sentence.



**HIS TALKS A SECRET**—Viscount Halifax, Lord President of the British Council, kept results of his recent visit to Germany a carefully guarded secret, refusing to say what chance of friendly co-operation between the two nations had developed. Above, at right, he is bid adieu by Joachim von Ribbentrop, German Ambassador, as he left Victoria Station, London, for Germany.

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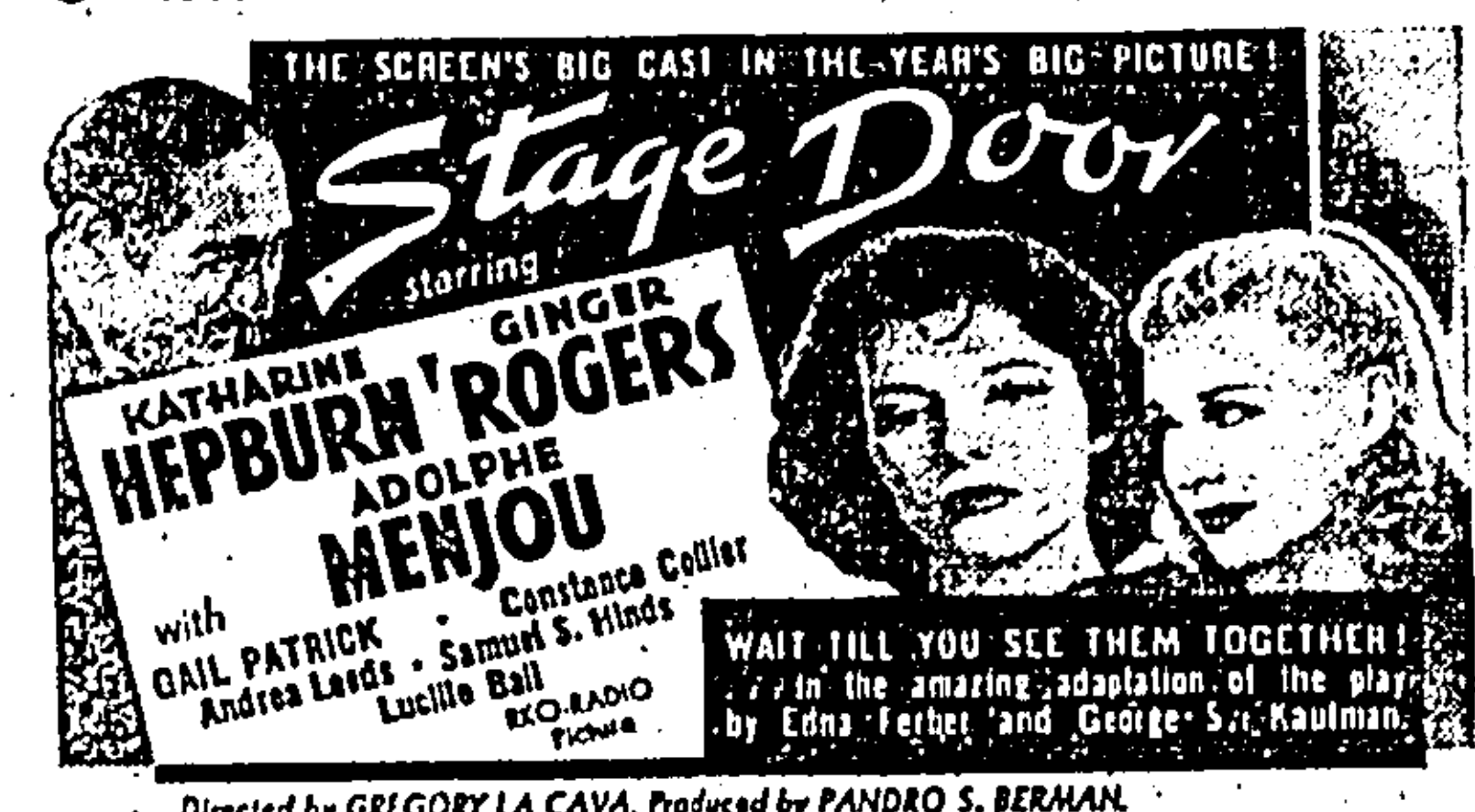


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# CHINA TO ADOPT WHOLESALE GUERRILLA TACTICS

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only to control a narrow belt along the railway. Chinese guerrilla troops are immediately outside the "hells" harassings. In the same manner Chinese guerrilla units are attacking cities near Hangchow and near Tientsin. The entire 20th army under General Sung Chieh-yuan, which collapsed at Peiping and Tientsin last July, has been re-organised into guerrilla forces, centred in Taming city.

# THE SHANGHAI BLUNDER

General Yeh Chien-ying, Chief of Staff of the former Red, or Eighth Route Army, commented as early as August last that in the present war China should adopt guerrilla or mobile tactics instead of positional tactics. He observed that the chief reason for the collapse of the 20th army was their ignorance of mobile tactics. He advocated mobile tactics chiefly on the ground that China lacks effective heavy weapons with which to resist the Japanese bombardments. Long before the Chinese retreat from Shanghai he pointed out the inadvisability of positional tactics by the Chinese defence forces in the Shanghai sector.

In the meantime they had the remarkable fact that in northern Shansi the Eighth Route Army appeared ever victorious and furthermore were able to maintain their positions against the Japanese lines. As an instance, he said, the former Red guerrilla troops were still maintaining their strongholds in northern Shansi. These facts serve as material examples for leading the re-organisation of other national troops into guerrilla forces.

# FOUR GOLDEN RULES

The principles of the guerrilla tactics in China are very simple. Guerrilla strategists state that the golden rules consist of four points: firstly that whenever the enemy is coming to retreat, secondly whenever the enemy is stationed anywhere to harass, thirdly whenever the enemy is evasive, to attack, fourthly whenever the enemy is in retreat to drive to kill. Besides the Government guerrilla forces, there are about 20,000 guerrilla volunteers drawn from civilians in the Peiping, Tientsin and Paoing areas. Commander Yang Pao-ming should be considered the "father" of the guerrilla forces around Peiping because the first unit he commanded last August consisted only of two farmers, two workmen and one ex-serviceman, and they had only one ancient Russian hunting gun and 30 bullets. Yang Pao-ming now has thousands of men in northern Hwai constantly waylaying enemy units, seizing Japanese weapons in surprise attacks and destroying munitions, aeroplanes and tanks. All the Chinese military authorities and the people believe that the farther the Japanese troops penetrate into China the more dangerous it will be for the Japanese lines of communications and the less chance they will have of victory.—United Press.

# Bomb Plotters Discovered

Paris, Jan. 11.  
A number of arrests have been made in connection with the bomb outrage of December 8 last when explosions occurred in two headquarters of employers near the Arch of Triumph in Paris resulting in the death of two policemen. The Surete has discovered the identity of the men involved in the bombing, it is reported.—Reuter.

# Poem Read in £180,000 Will Dispute

During the hearing of a dispute over £180,000 will in the Probate Court in London it was alleged that the testator had delusions that:

His parents were mad;  
He was poor;  
Kissing or handshaking would affect him with disease;

The Government was a set of thieves and extortionists;  
The L.C.C., and his relatives, sharks.

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# RELATIVES' PLEA

Relatives of Mr. Bohrmann opposed the will. They alleged that he was not of sound mind, memory and understanding when he made the will and codicils, that he was insane, and that he suffered from delusions.

# Roosevelt Talks About Bigger Navy

Washington, Jan. 10.  
President F. D. Roosevelt summoned State and Navy Department officials for a further discussion on the proposed supplementary naval building programme. White House officials state that it will be several days before President Roosevelt sends his expected message to Congress concerning the programme.—Reuter.

# NOT MUCH HEADWAY

Budapest, Jan. 11.  
No communique was issued at the end of yesterday's talks between Austrian, Italian and Hungarian diplomats here. The general impression seems to be that not much headway was made. It is regarded as fairly certain that neither Austria nor Hungary will leave the League of Nations to join the anti-Comintern pact, which is believed to be Italy's hope in attending the conference. All Europe is watching developments at Budapest with concern, for it is quite possible that this meeting will be the preliminary to some new political alignment.—Reuter.

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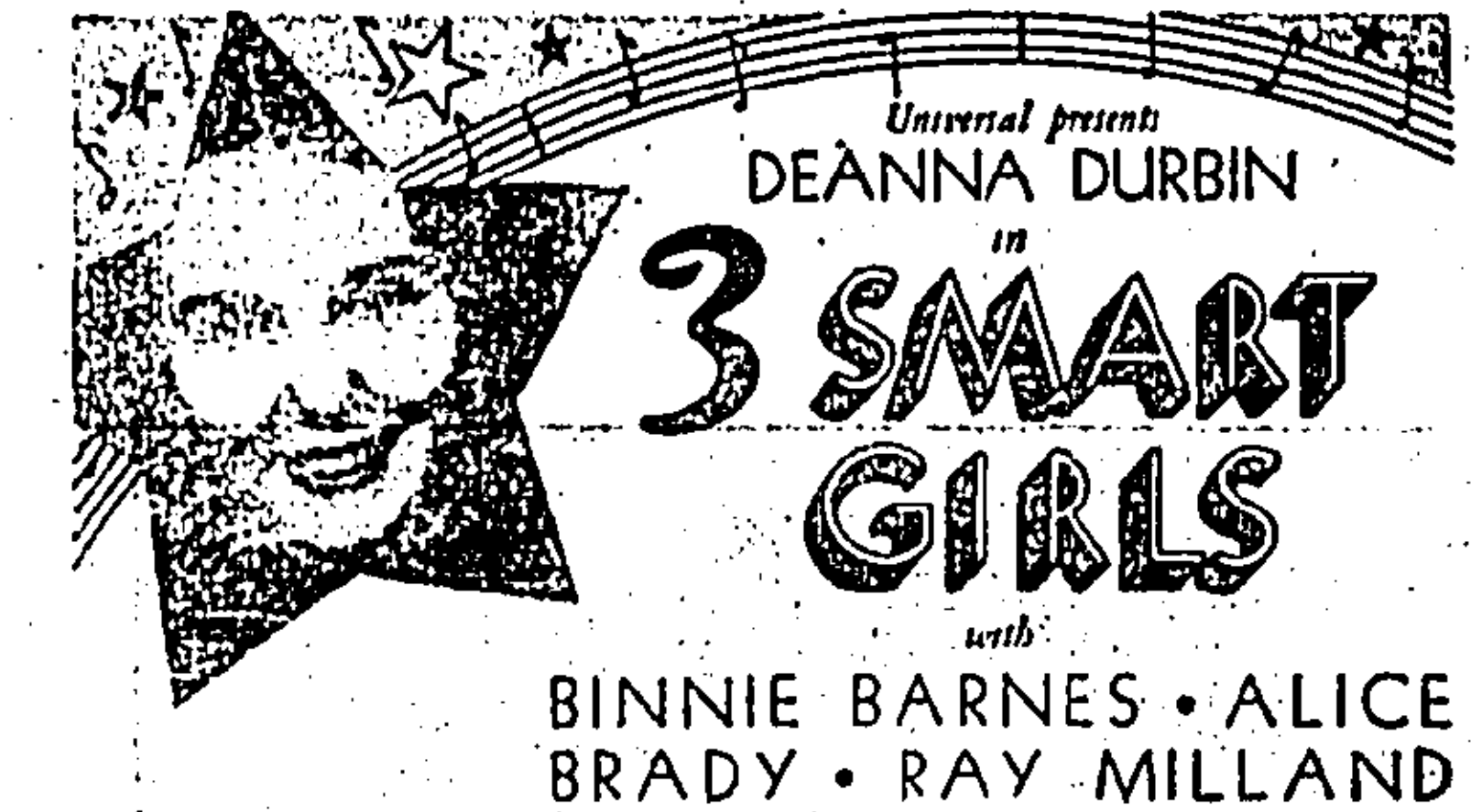


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## BRITISH SHIPS FLEE FROM SHELLFIRE

### BOCCA TIGRIS FORTS ENGAGE JAPANESE SHIP

### Landing Party Leaves Tiger Island After Trawler Retires

Four British ships—the China Navigation Company's Tsinan, the Indo China Steam Navigation Company's Pooshing and two river ferries—fled from a hail of shots at Bocca Tigris forts early yesterday morning.

An audacious Japanese dawn attempt to seize Tiger Island and thus threaten the gateway to the Pearl River, was responsible for the sudden bombardment.

An armed Japanese trawler, laden with marines and trailing several motor boats, crept up the river under cover of darkness.

A landing was actually made on Tigris Island before the presence of the Japanese was discovered.

Signalling to the four British ships to keep clear, the Bocca Tigris forts opened fire as soon as the alarm was raised.

The Tsinan, which was under way when the engagement commenced, immediately steamed up the river towards Canton. The three remaining vessels weighed anchor as quickly as possible and fled in the other direction.

Under brisk fire from the forts the Japanese trawler was forced to retire, leaving the landing party ashore on Tiger Island. Threatened with isolation and capture, the marines retired a few minutes later by motor launch, and presumably rejoined the trawler further down the river.

British ships passing down the river this morning report that two Japanese warships are anchored at the mouth of the river.

No further incident, however, has taken place at Bocca Tigris, which is approximately eight miles from the mouth of the river.

#### Hainan Island Shelled

A United Press message from Canton states that increased Japanese naval action was apparent in other parts of South China yesterday.

Japanese warships shelled several towns on Hainan Island, including Sunyung and Yanchung, meeting with no resistance from the Chinese garrisons. The Japanese, however, made no attempt to land at these points.

Canton last night underwent its second night raid since October last, a large number of Japanese bombers flying over the loop-line connecting the Canton-Hankow and Kowloon-Canton Railways.

Ships in the river, including British and American gunboats, and the entire city, were darkened for several hours, until the all clear signal was given.

A beautifully clear moonlight night considerably aided the Japanese bombers in their incursion.

### BRITON MURDERED BY ARABS

#### Dastardly Outrage Near Jerusalem

Jerusalem, Jan. 10. Mr. J. L. Starkey, British archaeologist, visiting Palestine, was killed in a highway hold-up near Hebron to-day.

Mr. Starkey, at the head of a field expedition, was sent out by the Wellcome Research Institution, and he had been excavating at Lachish near Hebron.

It is learned that Mr. Starkey, accompanied by two Arab assistants, was travelling in a car to Jerusalem from Lachish, when an armed gang of Arabs, who ordered the Englishman to alight, compelled him to march ahead. They then shot him twice, but his Arab assistants were spared.—Reuter Special.

### S'PORE GANGS ACTIVE Police Guards In Tramcars

Singapore, Jan. 11. Roving gangs throw bricks and stones and bottles at buses and tramcars for a few hours early yesterday evening until police guards were allotted to the vehicles. After this disturbance ceased.

The police, earlier, had cordoned off the court in which 118 Chinese and Indians were to be tried on charges of unlawful assembly, arising out of Sunday's anti-Japanese rioting.

One Chinese woman is dead as a result of Sunday's rioting.

Chinese and Indian drivers have now agreed to take out buses under police protection after they at first refused, owing to fears of being stoned. The gangs' activities are a form of protest against the detention of the 118 arrested in the Sunday disturbances.—United Press.

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#### JAPANESE RAID HSUCHOW

Hsichow, Jan. 11. Six Japanese light bombers which came from the Lanyu Har-bour raided Hsichow at 4 o'clock yesterday afternoon.

The raiders dropped 40 bombs in the north-eastern suburbs. Chinese anti-aircraft guns fired at them.—Central News.

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### BELGIAN LEAPS OFF STEAMSHIP

A Belgian mining engineer, M. Van den Eede Alois, 43, leaped to his death from the French liner D'Artagnan as the ship was nearing Hongkong yesterday.

The vessel immediately heaved to and a boat was lowered. But M. Alois was dead when picked up.

Report of the tragedy was made as soon as the ship docked this morning. The Belgian Consulate-General states that the funeral of M. Alois will take place to-morrow morning.



More than 12,000 lantern-bearers formed a huge parade in Tokyo when announcement was made of the signing of the Italo-German-Japanese anti-Comintern pact in Rome. Above, Foreign Minister Koki Hirota, centre; German Ambassador Herbert von Dirksen, right, and Italian Ambassador Giacinto Auriti, left, acknowledge cheers.

### SHANGHAI RESIDENTS ASKING FOR FIRM STAND BY BRITAIN

London, Jan. 11. Mr. A. C. Moreing, M.P., Chairman of the China Committee saw Mr. Neville Chamberlain, the Prime Minister, for 20 minutes this afternoon, to whom he conveyed the representations received from British residents in China urging the Government not to yield to the various Japanese demands, and offering the opinion that with the backing of the British and American governments, the Shanghai Municipal Council was prepared to stand firm against the Japanese demands to strengthen Japanese representation on the Council.

The representations also expressed apprehension lest the Government allow temporary concessions to the Japanese.

Sir Alexander Cadogan, Under-Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs, gave an interesting luncheon to-day to Mr. Quo Tal-chi, the Chinese Ambassador, Sir Archibald Clark Kerr, the new British Ambassador to China, and Sir Hugh Knatchbull-Hugessen, the former British Ambassador to China, who was wounded by Japanese machine-gun bullets.—Reuter.

#### Must Make Distinction

London, Jan. 11. In connection with the Japanese demands for more representation on the Shanghai Municipal Council and other concessions, well-informed (Continued on Page 4.)

### HANKOW TRAIN DELAYED

Canton, Jan. 11. The refugee train from Hankow, containing the Italian Consul, the British Vice-Consul, two American naval officers and 70 American sailors, is held up at Loktong, 35 miles north of Canton, due to an air raid alarm which sounded at 8.55 this morning.

According to Chinese reports, three Japanese planes were sighted this morning at Tungkan, heading in the direction of the Bocca Tigris.

Meanwhile details of last night's moonlight raid have not yet come in from the various points along the rail-

### FEAR PLANE DESTROYED; NINE DEAD

Butte, Montana, Jan. 10. The North-west Airlines reported to-day that its plane was overdue from Butte at Billings, with eight passengers, all of them men.

Meanwhile, Fred Jacobs, a farmer, reported seeing a plane "plunge into the hills."

It is feared the machine may have crashed in the heavily timbered Bridger Mountains.—United Press.

Later.

It is confirmed that the missing plane is down in the mountains. The eight passengers and the pilot all are dead.—United Press.

#### ONLY EIGHT DEAD

Bozeman, Montana, Jan. 10. Homer White, a farmer, reports that the missing plane from Butte crashed into a forest clearing 15 miles north of here, narrowly missing a wood-cutter, burning into flames and killing the pilot, Nick Mamer, his co-pilot, and six passengers.

The plane was a modern Lockheed Zephyr with capacity of ten passengers.—United Press.

Passengers on the evening train to Canton from Hongkong, has an exciting time at Chengmukow and they had to spend over two hours in the padi fields during an air raid alarm, the train finally arriving at 10.45 p.m., almost three hours late.—Reuter.

### JAPAN EXPECTS SOUTH CHINA INVASION

### Imperial Conference Will Decide To-day

Tokyo, Jan. 11.

Details of the future Japanese policy in China have not been revealed, while plans were yesterday completed for convening an Imperial conference at 2 p.m. to-day.

In Tokyo it is believed that serious matters are to be discussed. Some are convinced that the conference will deal with peace terms to be offered to China; others are certain that Japan plans to sweep South China and to capture the Canton area, virtually isolating Hongkong. There are many other surmises, but positive information is lacking.

### Congress Says "No" To Referendum Government's Hands Are Left Untied

Washington, Jan. 10. The Administration scored a victory in the House of Representatives when a vote of 209 to 138 bottled up the Ludlow Committee which proposed the war referendum, for the remainder of the session, preventing the sponsors of the amendment from emerging on the floor of the House.

The Speaker of the House, Mr. Bankhead said: "I measure my words when I say that this is the greatest question submitted to Congress since I became a member more than 20 years ago."

Representative Rayburn said: "The adoption of this resolution will do more to plunge the United States into war than any action Congress has taken."—United Press.

#### ROOSEVELT OPPOSES

Washington, Jan. 10. A letter from President Franklin Roosevelt warning Congress that the proposed war referendum would "cripple any President in his conduct of our foreign relations" was read to-day to the House of Representatives.

The letter added that such an amendment would encourage others to believe they could violate American rights with impunity.—Reuter.

#### SPEAKER DENOUNCES REFERENDUM

Washington, Jan. 10. The leaders of the House subsequently joined with the President in condemning the amendment, and Representative Bankhead left the Speaker's rostrum to speak against it. He said he was not willing that his colleagues should "abandon the judgment of the farmers of our Constitution and say the people were no longer willing to trust their chosen representatives or the chief executive of the United States, who loves peace as much as any man in the world."

It is very seldom that Mr. Bankhead takes the floor to discuss legislative proposals.—Reuter.

#### EXCHANGE OF NEWS

London, Jan. 11. A co-operative plan between the British Broadcasting Corporation and the Argentine Propaganda Department has been reached, whereby news as broadcast by each of these agencies will be published by the other country's press.—Reuter.

The Imperial conference is the fifth of its kind in the history of Japan. The first two were held during the Sino-Japanese war of 1894, the third during the Russo-Japanese war, and the fourth in 1914, when Japan declared war on Germany. The conference is expected to act speedily with regard to the various problems, and to announce its decisions immediately. Meanwhile apparently every Government department councillor is pledged to secrecy. According to one prominent opinion the conference will decide to indulge in relentless warfare in the event of China failing completely to accept the Japanese terms, with the intention of continuing the hostilities until the Nanking faction is out of the picture and the Peiping Government re-

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### HANKOW SEVERELY BOMBED

Hankow, Jan. 11. Twenty-four heavy Japanese bombers visited Hankow and dropped about 100 bombs on the military airfield.

Anti-aircraft guns engaged them heavily, but none were shot down. The raiders left hurriedly after dropping their explosives.

#### CHINESE RETALIATE

The Central News says the Chinese airforce bombed the Japanese airfield at Kwangteh and destroyed ten heavy bombers there and also a Japanese gasoline depot.

One Japanese bomber and three pursuit planes were shot down in air combats when raiding Nanking yesterday.—United Press.

### GERMAN MEDIATION COLLAPSE

Berlin, Jan. 10. It is understood that after a week of secret negotiations the German Ambassadors in China and Japan failed in their attempts to mediate in the Far East conflict.—United Press.

(Further Stop Press News on Page 12.)



## Radiant Spinsters

Spinsters are more criticised than war chiefs, and perhaps more discussed than the Far Eastern situation or the Income-tax.

Some say we are selfish because we prefer our freedom, and others, having successfully gained a husband themselves, pity us because there are not enough men to go round; and still others fear us as dangerous females, smartly dressed, with plenty of leisure, ready to give consolation to another harassed woman's husband at the slightest provocation.

But the radiant spinsters of to-day lead the world. Women who, if they have not got homes and husbands, have their jobs which often benefit large numbers of people, and into which the richness of a personality, with time for leisure and cultural activity, can be poured.

Take a look at some of the leading spinsters of to-day.

Brown-haired Caroline Haslett started as a 10s a week apprentice in an engineering office, and now earns a four-figure salary as Director of the Electrical Association for Women, and is head of 7,000 women.

Popular Margery Fry, ex-Principal of Somerville College, Oxford, is a keen penal reformer. She was a great favourite with the students at Oxford.

The Hon. Dorothy Paget is worth several millions. Once she owned a fleet of racing cars, now she is a big racehorse owner.

And who is happier than Edith Evans, the actress? "I'm happiest doing work I love," she said.

And then there are thousands of spinsters, not so eminent, but who, nevertheless contribute their share to modern life.

The Modern Maiden Aunts

There may no longer be maiden aunts to look after little nieces and nephews, when mother is ill or busy, but these same aunts are now living in bachelor flats, as office workers, professional or technical workers holding together the vast structure of modern industry, women who manage to get lots of kick out of life, with their theatre parties, week-end cottages, socials, and often foreign travels.

And, of course, we must not forget the bachelor woman living at home with an invalid or aged parent, and perhaps helping to keep the home going.

She may not, in fact does not, lead the glamorous life of her freer sister, but who can measure the value of the worth of her spinsters, ordinary everyday spinsters—lead—the world.

None are the days when the unmarried daughter was a liability, and gone are the days when she was just tolerated. She is not only an asset, she is top of the pole!

M. B.

## Cooking Hints

SAVE the best leaves from celery tops and dry them in the oven until they are quite brittle. When rubbed into powder and stored in stoppered bottles, they are excellent for flavouring purposes.

When reheating a meat or fruit pie, place the dish in a greaseproof bag, for then the crust will not be hard when the pie is hot.

Instead of putting in the usual orange or banana when making a jelly, try adding a grated dessert apple just before it sets, as it is delicious served with or without cream.

When making pastry that is to be served cold, use milk instead of water, for the pastry will then keep short and crisp much longer.

To prevent pastry from rising and spoiling the appearance of custard tarts, spread butter on the pastry before putting in the custard mixture.

Sausages will not burst if fried in butter or lard. Allow the fat to become fairly hot, put in the sausages and turn them over lengthwise with a broad knife.

Fruit pies will not be spilt by juice running out if the sugar is put in the pie-dish before the fruit instead of on top.

A cake, which sticks to the tin can usually be loosened by placing the sides and bottom in a bowl of boiling water.

Candied peel, glace cherries, and preserved ginger will chop more easily if warmed slightly beforehand. Similarly, parsley will chop quite easily if first washed in cold water, placed in a small basin, and covered with boiling water for ten minutes.

Before frying onions, boil them for ten minutes and this will prevent them from burning and turning black.

When cooking fish, fill the pan with cold water containing a tablespoonful of vinegar, for this will prevent the usual odour.

Use a tablespoonful of golden syrup instead of white sugar when stewing apples, figs, or prunes, and the juice will be thicker and sweeter.

When cooking vegetables, add a small knob of butter or dripping to the boiling water as this helps them to cook quickly and brings out their full flavour, besides preventing the water boiling over.

G. G. T.



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# The Queen's new Overall

QUEEN ELIZABETH is a true housewife and takes a personal interest in the superlatives of her Palace and Castle homes. She has just bought an attractive and practical overall. It is cut on the lines of an artist's smock, and slips on like a coat, being loose enough to wear comfortably over any dress or suit; a Latin Quarter bow of black ribbon fastens it at the neck, and there is one button half-way down the front. All the edges, including those of the two large pockets, are finished with green binding; the overall is made of painted linen figured, and has a gay pastoral design "after William Morris" in red, green, blue, brown and white.

Home Page Cook tells Mrs. Wimblestraw

## Some home truths about (a) herrings (b) pheasants

YOU were hoping you would run into me, were you, Mrs. Wimblestraw?

You have succeeded beyond your wildest dreams. You nearly knocked me over.

That is what comes of trying to remember a recipe, is it? Then refrain from attempting such feats of memory outside the security of the home.

It was a recipe about herrings, was it? And it began, "Ask your fishmonger to fillet the herrings." Then forget it.

If I asked my fishmonger to fillet herrings for me, he would probably never speak to me again. Since I admire his talents as a conversationalist, I have always refrained from asking him such a silly question.

YOU can try to fillet your own herrings if you like, but I don't advise it. You know how one is apt to eat a fillet of fish without any fear of the consequences. One has a simple faith in all the bones being gone.

Now, a herring has a lot of awkward little bones, and you would probably leave some of them in it, my fumbling old Wimblestraw. You see the point, don't you? I should hate you to feel it.

If you are anxious for a change from the plainly fried and grilled, sprinkle the herrings with pepper and salt, coat them well with oat-

meal, and fry them in plenty of the best dripping.

DID you know that you can cook them without any fat at all except their own? You want a thick iron frying-pan for this. Cover the bottom with a good layer of salt, lay the herrings on this, and cook them slowly.

If you try to speed them up they will stick. Herrings cooked in this way are so delicious that many people, once they have tried it, can hardly be persuaded to revert to any other method.

You are gazing at me with a dubious eye, Mrs. Wimblestraw. It pains me, because I always tell the truth about herrings.

WHAT is that? Some one has sent you a pheasant, and can I—? Certainly, dear lady. Any day, except Friday. Oh, I am so sorry. I thought you were asking me to dine.

You merely want instructions as to how to tell whether the bird is young or old. I am extra-ordinarily good at telling the age of anything. Quite an embarrassing accomplishment sometimes, as you should be the first to admit, old dear.

From your description of its gay plumage you have obviously been sent a cock pheasant. The tale of its age is in its spurs. If these are short and blunt the bird is at its tenderest and in its first season.

If the spurs are still short, but pointed, it is a second-season bird. If they are not only pointed but long, I fear that the person who sent the pheasant to you is no true friend. Invite him (or her) to come and dine off it.

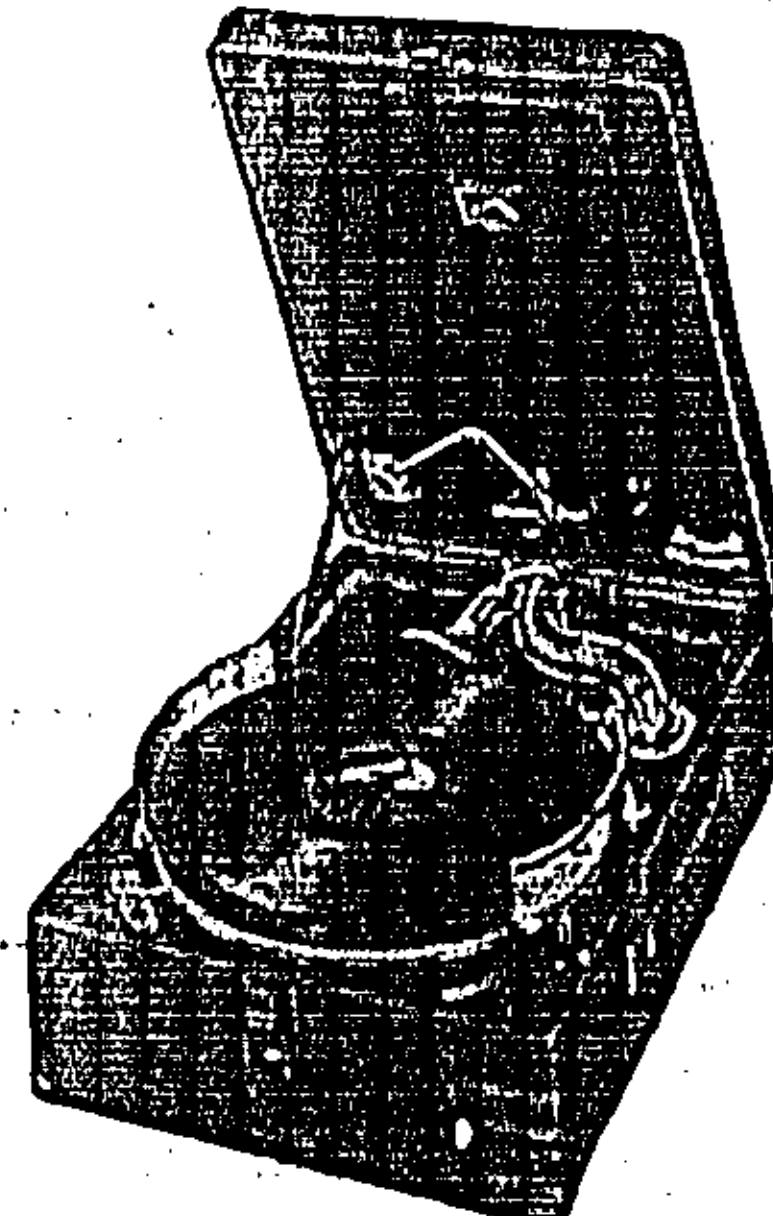
How long should a pheasant be hung? In this cold weather, at least a week.

YOU have heard of Cumberland rum butter, and are most anxious to try it? You would be.

Warm ½ lb. each of butter and Demerara sugar in a basin, cream them, and add three tablespoonfuls of rum and a little grated nutmeg.

Beat the mixture well together, and put into shallow glass jars. Spread it like jam on biscuits. But not too thickly, please, Mrs. Wimblestraw.

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## Two Men And A White Flag: 'Gen. Togo' Talks

By JOHN RICKMAN

Twenty-three years after he planned and carried out one of the most audacious campaigns of the Great War, Lieut.-Col. Frederick Carkeet Bryant—"General Togo" to 1914 War Office chiefs—received, recently the first public tribute to his coup.

Within a few days of the outbreak of war he bluffed the Germans out of the key positions in Togoland. It was a master stroke which resulted in the fall of Kamenia, then the second biggest wireless station in the world.

The story was first told recently by Major-General Sir Reginald Hoskins and Lord Davidson at the Ashridge Fellowship reunion at the Bonar Law College, Berkhamsted, Hertfordshire.

Determined to find this man whose praises had been so tardily sung, I inquired for him near Market Harborough, where, until recently, he has ridden hard to hounds year after year, but it was in sordid clutches of an armchair in the Bath Club that I finally ran him to earth.

"Tog kept me here"—his words came to me through the haze of afternoon tobacco smoke. "Lucky to catch me. Let's go somewhere fresher." We did, and as we walked he told me...

"I was in Kumasi at the beginning of August 14. Both my chief and the second in command were in England, and I, a captain in the Gold Coast Frontier Force, was senior officer in their absence. I realised that speed was essential, so I cabled the Colonial Office that I was going to act. Togoland being a neighbour to the Gold Coast and a German possession, I knew I had to do something about it."

**FORCE OF 1,000**  
"I gave orders at once to a Captain Barker and a Mr. Newlands, who was attached to the political branch of the Colonial Service, to go to Lome, the German port, and carrying a white flag to enter the town and tell the Germans that large forces were advancing on the town from several directions. "They did this. There was a heated discussion during the night between the Germans, but at last they

left the town in the early hours. "When I heard that my plan had succeeded and that the Germans had even been bluffing into leaving their rifles behind, I shipped my entire force of 1,000 natives and a few French, police and white volunteers, from Accra to Lome."

"We pushed up country from Lome, scrapping all the time. I bluffed again, and our opponents vacated Kamenia, thus leaving their vitally important radio station in our hands. Kamenia was in nightly touch with Berlin, even in those days."

"And that," said "General Togo," "is all I can say about that. Never talk about it as a rule."

This is how Sir Reginald Hoskins, who was at the Colonial Office during the war, told the story at the Ashridge Fellowship recently.

"One day we received a code message from a young subaltern in the Cameroons, who had under his command 'two men and a boy,' announcing that he was going to take Togoland."

"While we were preparing a suitable cable to send him another cable arrived saying that he had made a reconnaissance of the enemy's position and intended to attack. The next morning another message arrived saying that he had attacked and that all was well."

"By this time we called him General Togo."

Lord Davidson said that the young officer's telegram was, "Togoland surrendered to me 8 a.m."



**PRINCESS WEDS WRESTLER**—Despite her father's threat to disinherit her, Princess Baba, youngest daughter of the Rajah of Sarawak, in northern Borneo, was married to Bob Gregory, claimant of the European heavyweight wrestling title. Above, they leave the Marylebone registry office, London, after the ceremony. She gave her name as Valeria Brooks.

## Rich Boy Finds Life As Hobo Too Tough

New York.

Alfred Knopf, junior son of a prominent and wealthy New York publisher, sat in Salt Lake City Police Station recently, his feet bare and grimy, his shirt and trousers torn.

Knopf disappeared recently. Police of eight States, urged by his parents who feared that their son might have been kidnapped, searched for him.

Late one night detectives found him at Salt Lake City, and took him to jail. Then Knopf sent a telegram to his father asking for money.

Knopf said that he had tried the life of a vagrant and hobo for a week. He found it tough. "I hitch-hiked through half a dozen towns searching for a job."

## CHILD'S LIFE VALUED BY A POEM

Mr. Justice Greaves-Lord quoted verses on life (Du Maurier 1834-1896)—in the King's Bench Division recently, when awarding £1,500 damages to the father and twin sister of a child street accident victim for the loss of the normal expectation of her life.

The child, Hilda Peggy Trubyfield, aged eight, was run over in a Cheltenham street last February by a Great Western Railway Company dray. The judge quoted:

"A little work, a little play  
To keep us going—  
And so, good day.  
A little warmth, a little light  
Of love's bestowing—  
And so, good night.  
A little fun to match the sorrow  
Of each day's going—  
And so, good morning."

Claims were made by the father, Thomas Charles Trubyfield, and the twin sister, Joyce Muriel Trubyfield, of Swinton Road, Cheltenham. Joyce sought damages for the shock suffered at seeing Hilda killed.

## ON THEIR WAY HOME

The children were on their way home in Swinton Road when Hilda collided with the horse and dray, which was emerging from a yard and crossing the pavement.

The railway company denied that their driver was negligent, and pleaded that there was contributory negligence on the part of the child.

Mr. Justice Greaves-Lord found that the only effective negligence was that of the driver of the dray.

He said the claim for the loss of the normal expectation of life presented a difficult problem. The period by which her life had been shortened was the difference between her age at death and the normal span of life of such a girl.

Everybody had a sort of general notion of the likelihood of life, and everybody was a little inclined to look on the optimistic side.

What had really to be valued was life as a whole, with all its various incidents, and apparently with certain strict restrictions.

## TERRORS OF CHILD LIFE

In regard to a very young infant, the question of probability had to be taken very seriously into account, because any infant had to meet all the terrors of child life and such ailments.

What was life going to be worth to a healthy young woman as the child might have become, earning her own living with dependent parents to whom she would be discharging her duty, and with some prospects of marriage?

Stay of execution was granted, pending notice of appeal.

## AROUND THE EMPIRE AUSTRALIA AND NEW GUINEA

Sydney. The Federal Government has decided to abandon Rabaul as the capital of the mandated territory of New Guinea.

The decision, which was announced to-day in the speech of Lord Gowrie, the Governor-General, at the opening of the new Parliament, has been taken because of the danger from volcanic eruptions.

Rabaul, the chief town of New Britain Island, was visited by a disastrous eruption in May. An expert on volcanoes, from the Dutch East Indies, has reported that the town will be always liable to a recurrence.

The future capital has not yet been definitely decided upon. It is believed, however, that it will be Salamauva.

**Attitude to Anglo-U.S. Talks.**—Lord Gowrie declared, in his speech at the opening of Parliament, that the Australian Government would welcome a cordial understanding between Great Britain and the United States. Australia was prepared to play her part in the conclusion of a satisfactory understanding provided Australian interests were adequately safeguarded.

**£8,000,000 Loan.**—The new international public works loan of £8,000,000, the issue of which was announced by Mr. R. G. Casey, Commonwealth Treasurer, yesterday, has been well received.

**Referendum in Victoria.**—Mr. Dunstan, Premier of Victoria, proposes, with Socialist support, to submit the Legislative Council Reform Bill to a referendum in February or March should the Council fail to accept it.

**Infantile Paralysis.**—The thousandth case and the 57th death in the infantile paralysis outbreak in Victoria have just been reported. The epidemic started at the end of June. The State Government has invited Sister Elizabeth Kenny, the Australian nurse, whose method of treatment was tried by the L.C.C. in July, to visit Victoria and give her advice.

## INDIA

### SERIOUS SITUATION IN CANNORE

Calcutta. The labour unrest fostered in the past few months by agitators in Cannore, United Provinces, threatens to reach a crisis. The mill-owners have withdrawn recognition of the Mazdur Sabha organisation, which purports to represent the mill-workers.

During the whole of this year the cotton mills have been in a ferment, strike following strike without any shadow of justification.

The secretary of the Mazdur Sabha and 13 other persons were to-day prohibited by the District Magistrate from publishing pamphlets or making speeches for two months.

Sir Harry Haig, the Governor of the United Provinces, is now in Cannore endeavouring to prevent an ugly situation becoming worse.

**Calcutta's Vulnerability.**—"I do not desire to be alarmist, but I must remind you that Calcutta, which was a safe and prosperous city in the last war, will in the next be vulnerable to enemy action," said Mr. C. P. Hogg, Chief Secretary to the Government of Bengal, proposing the toast of the Imperial Forces at the St. Andrew's Day dinner.

## SOUTH AFRICA

### 'DICK WHITTINGTON' OF THE RAND

Cape Town. Mr. Charles Walters, known as the "Dick Whittington of the Rand," who has been Mayor of Johannesburg and was a City Councillor for 20 years, has died at the age of 71.

He was born in England, and arrived in Johannesburg penniless in the days of the pioneers. He started as a vegetable seller, and later became a director of the city's largest brickmaking firm.

**Arrest of Natives.**—The Union Commissioner of Police has issued a circular to all police officers to use less force when arresting natives.

**Earl Howe's Loss.**—Earl Howe, the racing motorist, who arrived in Cape Town on Friday, lost a parcel on his way to the Rand. It contained his driving licences, passport, and return steamer ticket.

**Named After Lord Nuffield.**—A new township at Springs on the Rand has been named after Lord Nuffield.

## STATE CINEMA FOR BURMA

Calcutta. A State cinema and a State school of fine arts are the features of the education policy of the present Government of Burma.

The policy includes a State translation bureau to create cheap, popular and abundant Burmese literature on subjects of mass interest and importance.—Reuter.

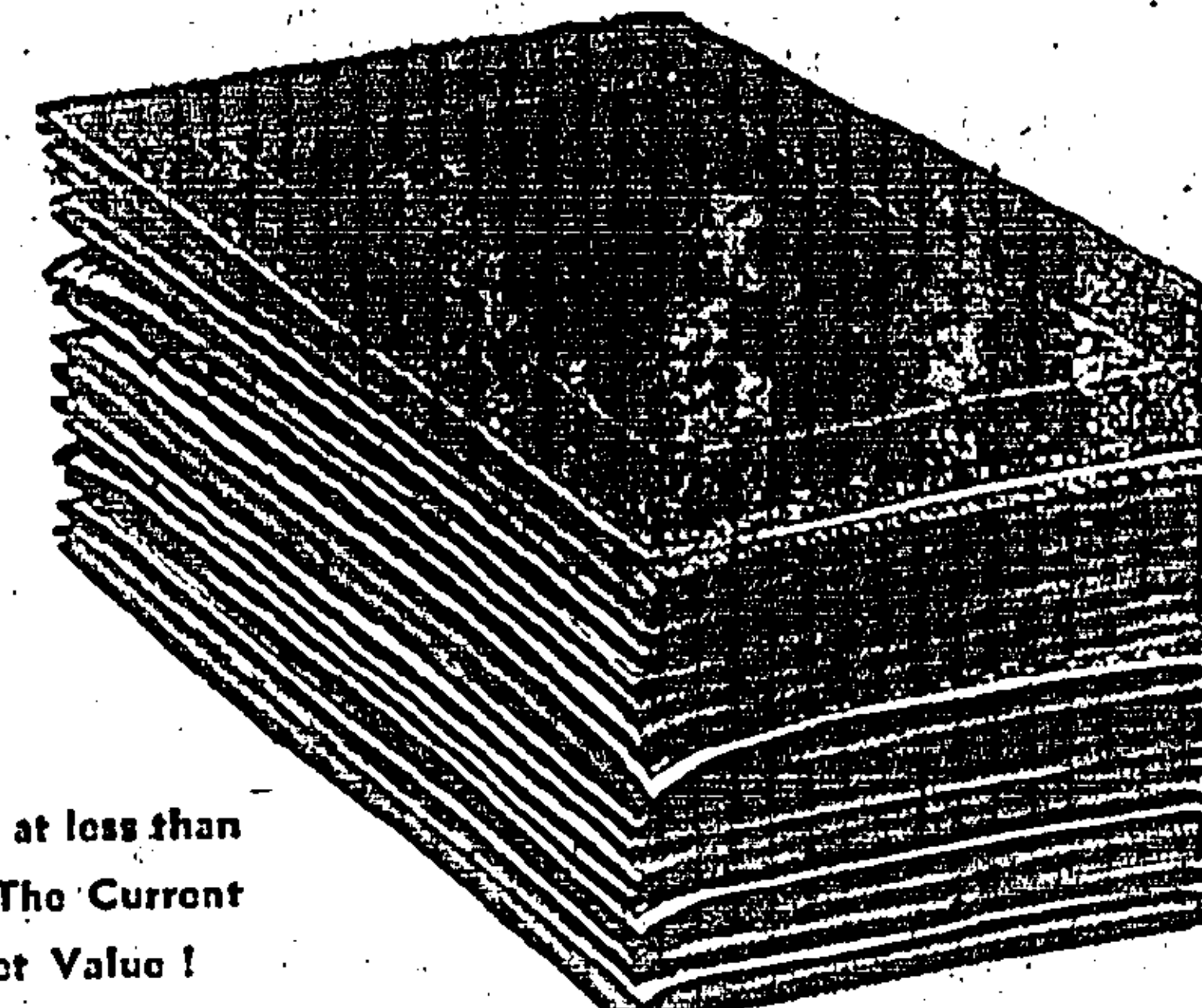
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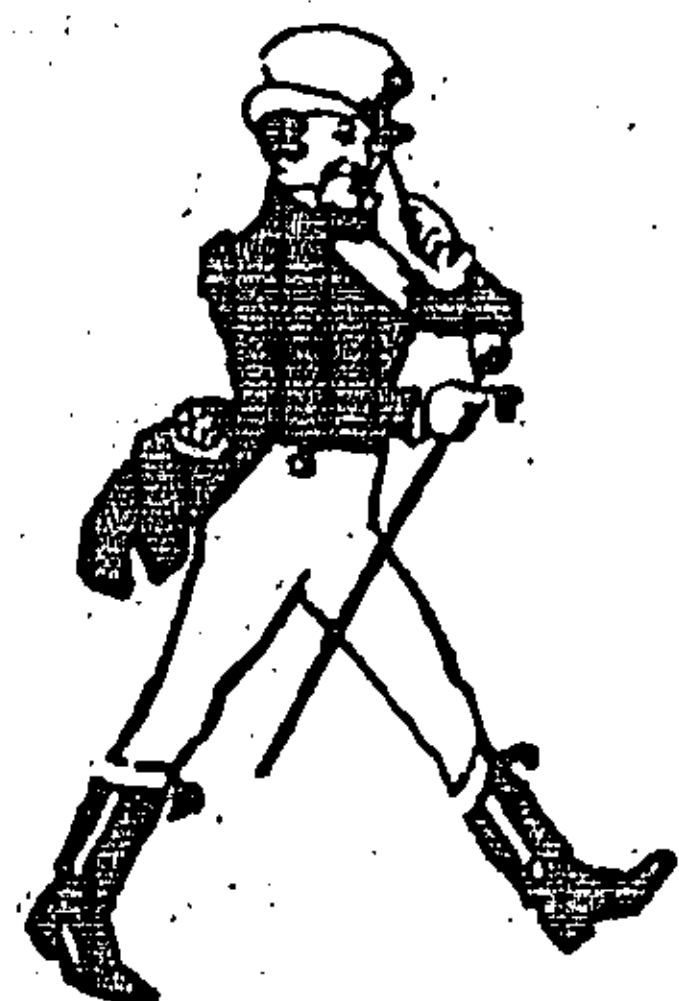
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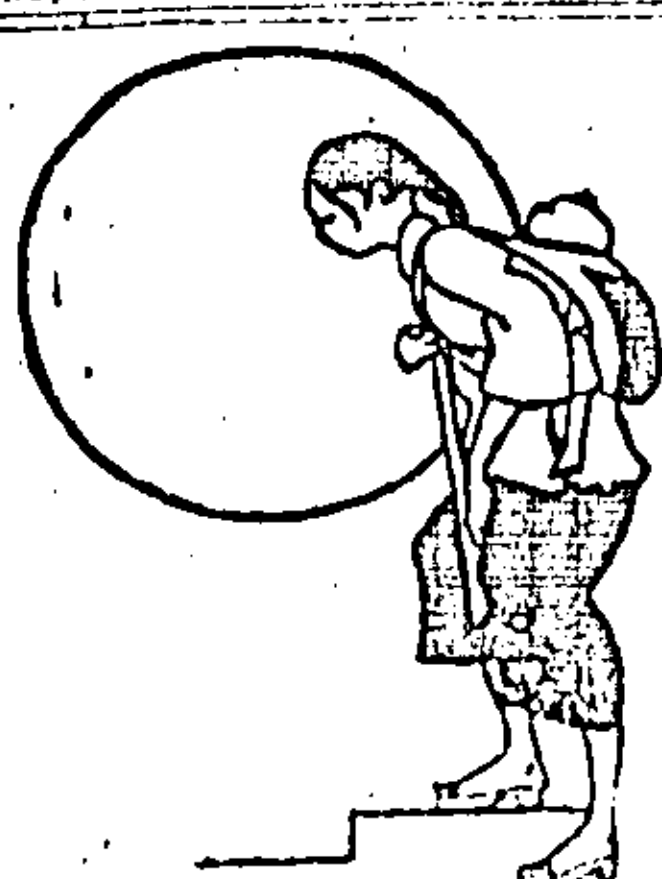
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## A SPECIMEN CASE.

Case No. 1937.

This boy's mother died at his birth early in 1935. His aunt reported and the Society's Inspector repeatedly found signs of his step-mother's cruel treatment. After many warnings the case was referred to the Secretary for Chinese Affairs in January this year and arrangements were made for the child to go to his father's sister in the country.

## HONGKONG SOCIETY FOR THE PROTECTION OF CHILDREN

Hollywood's glowing glamor girl and the dramatic star of "Winterset" in a laugh-a-minute romance.



## NANNING RAID PROTEST

Paris, Jan. 10. Authoritative circles have indicated that it is possible the French Government will protest to Japan with regard to the bombing of the French Catholic Mission during an air raid on Nanning.—Reuter.

## LINDBERGH REWARD DIVIDED

Over 100 Persons Share \$25,000

Trenton, N.J., Jan. 10. The Governor of New Jersey, Mr. Harold Hoffman, to-day divided the State's \$25,000 reward for the capture of the Lindbergh baby's kidnapper among over 100 persons. The largest share was \$7,500, and went to Walter Lyle, former New York petrol station operator.

It was Lyle who identified the note which led to the arrest and ultimate conviction of Richard Bruno Hauptmann, who was executed for the crime.

The second largest share, \$5,000, went to William Allen, a negro truck driver, who discovered the body of the baby.—Reuter.

## Roosevelt Talks About Bigger Navy

Washington, Jan. 10. President F. D. Roosevelt summoned State and Navy Department officials for a further discussion on the proposed supplementary naval building programme.

White House officials state that it will be several days before President Roosevelt sends his expected message to Congress, concerning the programme.—Reuter.

## Bomb Plotters Discovered

Paris, Jan. 11. A number of arrests have been made in connection with the bomb outrage of December 9 last when explosions occurred in two headquarters of employers near the Arch of Triumph in Paris resulting in the death of two policemen.

The Surete has discovered the identity of the men involved in the bombing, it is reported.—Reuter.

## NOT MUCH HEADWAY

Budapest, Jan. 11. No communique was issued at the end of yesterday's talks between Austrian, Italian and Hungarian diplomats here.

The general impression seems to be that not much headway was made. It is regarded as fairly certain that neither Austria nor Hungary will leave the League of Nations to join the anti-Comintern pact, which is believed to be Italy's hope in attending the conference.

All Europe is watching developments at Budapest with concern, for it is quite possible that this meeting will be the preliminary to some new political alignment.—Reuter.

## MARK SILVER JUBILEE

Congratulations will be showered upon Mr. and Mrs. P. A. Xavier, two Portuguese residents of the Colony, to-morrow on the occasion of the celebration of their Silver Jubilee.

A prominent member of the Portuguese community, Mr. Xavier has made himself a familiar figure here as managing director of the Hongkong Printing Press Ltd. and also by his many acts of benevolence. He has associated himself with the charitable works of his community, and was formerly a member of the committee of the Club de Recreio and the Liga Portuguesa.

Mr. and Mrs. Xavier intend to spend their Silver Jubilee quietly with a family gathering.

## ITALIAN LABOUR FOR GERMANY

Berlin, Jan. 11. A large number of Italian farm hands, probably 30,000, will be brought to Germany in order to assist German peasants, according to an agreement entered into between the two nations.

There has recently been a noticeable shortage of farm hands in Germany owing to the heavy demands of the four-year plan.

The Italian labourers will be mainly engaged in the cultivation of potatoes, sugar and beans.—Reuter.

A carpenter named Kwong Wah was this morning sent to goal for three weeks by Mr. R. A. D. Forrest at the Central Magistracy for stealing a wrist watch from another carpenter. The charge was admitted.

## LATEST STRATEGY EXPECTED TO REAP RICH REWARD

## Hope To Lure Invaders Into The Interior

Hankow, Jan. 11.

A few weeks ago, or about four months after the beginning of Sino-Japanese hostilities, guerilla warfare tactics were popularly adopted by all troops in China, though they were first only employed by the former communist armies in the Shansi province. Now the general tendency is for the re-organisation of almost all the Chinese national troops and provincial troops into guerilla units.

Generalissimo Chiang Kai-shek has repeatedly announced that China is sure of eventual victory because she is ready to engage in widespread guerilla warfare with the Japanese when the invaders have been dragged into the vast plains, river valley and mountain ranges of the interior.

Information from all fronts, at present in Shantung, Shansi, Chekiang and central Anhwei, reveals that all commanders in charge of respective fronts have been given the duty of re-organising their troops into guerilla units under the direction of the highest military command.

Admiral Shen Hung-fu, Mayor of Tsingtao, voluntarily gave up Tsingtao on New Year's Eve because he was instructed to organise his bluejackets into guerilla units to meet the invaders in the Chushien-Yishui area, south-east of Shantung.

General Han Fu-chu, Shantung's Governor, is busy despatching guerilla units to disturb the Japanese rear forces even north of the Yellow River, to say nothing of the Japanese rear forces in the Yenchow and Tsining districts.

Chinese troops defending central Anhwei, namely the Penpu and Hotel areas have all been re-organised into guerilla units. Japanese vanguards both on the southern and northern sections of the Tientsin-Pukow railway line are said only to control a narrow belt along the railway. Chinese guerilla troops are immediately outside the "belts" as giving the Japanese troops constant harassings. In the same manner Chinese guerilla units are attacking cities near Hangchow and near Taiyuan. The entire 20th army under

## THE SHANGHAI BLUNDER

General Yeh Chien-ying, Chief of Staff of the former Red, or Eighth Route Army, commented as early as August last that in the present war China should adopt guerilla or mobile tactics instead of positional tactics.

He observed that the chief reason for the collapse of the 20th army was their ignorance of mobile tactics. He advocated mobile tactics chiefly on the ground that China lacks effective heavy weapons with which to resist the Japanese bombardments. Long before the Chinese retreat from Shanghai he pointed out the inadvisability of positional tactics by the Chinese defence forces in the Shanghai sector.

In the meantime they had the remarkable fact that in northern Shansi the Eighth Route Army appeared ever victorious and furthermore were able to maintain their positions far behind the Japanese lines. As an instance, he said, the former Red guerilla troops were still maintaining their strongholds in northern Shansi. These facts serve as material examples for leading the re-organisation

## SOVIET RAID ON BISHOPS

Twenty-One Arrested, Charged With Espionage

Moscow, Jan. 10. Twenty-one bishops, have been arrested since the end of November, according to the Soviet press.

The most important heads of the Russian Church, including the acting Patriarch and Metropolitan Bishop, Sergei Krutitski, and Father Vitay, chief of the Soviet new-fangled "Living Church" are denounced in the newspaper Gorki Commune, and have probably been arrested.

The charges include organising a network of espionage and terrorist circles connected with the Fascist intelligence service.—Reuter.

## SHIPS IN WIRELESS COMMUNICATION

The following ships are expected to be in wireless communication with the wireless station—Pacific, Klumpchow, Durban, Maru, Shubone, Shantung, Empress of Japan, Potsdam, Andre Lebon, President Garfield, Taiyuan, Haiyang, Shantung.

of other national troops into guerilla forces.

## FOUR GOLDEN RULES

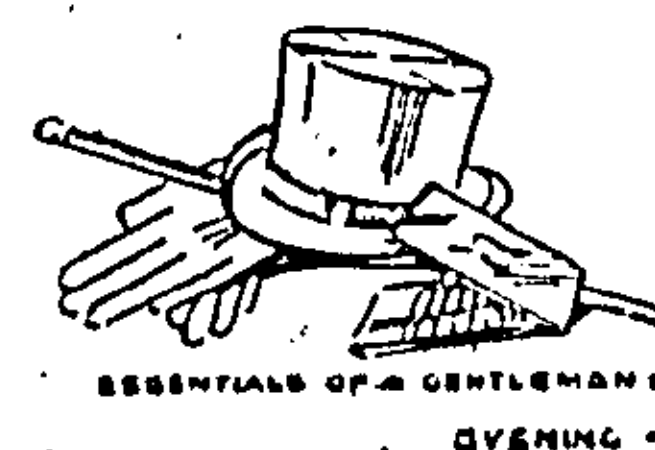
The principles of the guerilla tactics in China are very simple. Guerilla strategists state that the golden rules consist only of four points: firstly that whenever the enemy is coming to retreat, secondly whenever the enemy is stationed anywhere to harass, thirdly whenever the enemy is evasive, to attack, fourthly whenever the enemy is in retreat to drive to kill.

Besides the Government guerilla forces, there are about 20,000 guerilla volunteers drawn from civilians in the Peiping, Tientsin and Paoing areas. Commander Yang Pao-ming should be considered the "Father" of the guerilla forces around Peiping, because the first unit he commanded last August consisted only of two farmers, two workmen and one ex-serviceman, and they had only one ancient Russian hunting gun and 30 bullets. Yang Pao-ming now has thousands of men in northern Hopei constantly waylaying enemy units, seizing Japanese weapons in surprise attacks and destroying munitions, aeroplanes and tanks.

All the Chinese military authorities and the people believe that the farther the Japanese troops penetrate into China the more dangerous it will be for the Japanese lines of communications and the less chance they will have of victory.—United Press.

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H.K. Banks, \$1,440 b.	
H.K. Banks, (Lon. Reg.), £857 b.	
Chartered Bank, £12 1/2 n.	
Mercantile Bank, A. and B. £20 n.	
Mercantile Bank, C. £14 n.	
East Asia Bank, \$82 n.	
Insurance	
Canton Ins., \$270 n.	
Union Ins., \$510 n.	
China Underwriters, \$150 n.	
H.K. Fire Ins., \$235 n.	
Shipping	
Douglas, \$511 b.	
H.K. Steamboats, \$9 n.	
Indo-Chinas (Prof.), \$51 n.	
Indo-Chinas (Def.), \$43 n.	
Shell Bearer, \$9 1/4 n.	
Union Waterboats, \$9.30 n.	
Docks etc.	
H.K. & W. Wharves, \$114 b.	
H.K. & W. Docks, \$27 1/2 n.	
Providents (old), \$2 b.	
Providents (new), 20 cts. b.	
New Engineering, Sh.—	
Shanghai Docks, Sh.—	
Kailan Mining Adm., 10/6 n.	
Rauhs, \$8.10 n.	
Venz, Goldfield, \$5 n.	
Hongkong Mica, 10 cts. a.	
Philippine Mining	
Antamok, P.—	
Atoks, P., 20 1/2 n.	
Dagulo Gold, P., 18 1/2 n.	
Benguet Consol., P., 9/60 n.	
Benguet Explor., P.—	
Big Wedge, P.—	
Coco Grove, P., 49 n.	
Consolidated Mines, P., 0.11	
Demonstrations, P.—	
E. Mindanao, P.—	
Gumaus G'fields, P.—	
Ipo Gold, P.—	
I.L.L., P.—	
Ilogons, P.—	
Mabute Consols, P.—	
Min. Resources, P.—	
Northern Min., P.—	
Paracale Gumaus, P., 1/6 n.	
Salacot Mining, P.—	
San Mauricio, P.—	
Suyoc Consol., P., 1/6 n.	
United Paracales, P., 4 1/2 n.	
Lands, Hotels, etc.	

H. and S. Hotels, \$5.20 b.  
H.K. Lands, \$35 b.  
H.K. Lands, 4 1/2 Deben, \$100 n.  
S'hai Lands, Sh.—  
Metropolitan Lands, Sh.—  
Humphries, \$9.50 b.  
H.K. Realties, \$4 1/2 n.  
Chinese Estates, \$86 n.  
China Realties, Sh.—  
China Deben, Sh.—

## Public Utilities

H.K. Tramways, \$13.70 b.  
Peak Trams (old), \$7 1/2 s.  
Peak Trams (new), \$3 1/2 s.  
Star Ferries, \$80 b.  
Yaumati Ferries (old), \$24 1/2 n.  
China Light (old), \$10.45 b.  
China Light (new), \$7 1/4 b.  
H.K. Electric, \$52 1/2 b.  
Macao Electric, 10 1/2 b.  
Sandakan Lights, \$14 1/2 s.  
Telephone (old), \$26 s.  
Telephone (new), \$8.35 b.  
China Buses, Sh.—  
Singapore Traction, 23/9 n.  
Singapore Pref., 23/- n.

## Industrials

Cald: Mack. (old), Sh.—  
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Canton Ice, \$1.70 s.  
Cement, \$12.00 b.  
H.K. Ropes, \$3.75 b.  
Stores, &c.  
Dalry Farm, \$23 1/4 b.  
Watsons \$4.70 b.  
Lans Crawford, \$8.80 n.  
Sincere, \$1.75 n.  
Wing On (H.K.), \$40 n.  
Wm. Powells, 75 cts. n.  
Cotton Mills  
Ewo Cottons, Sh., \$11 n.  
S'hai Cottons (old), Sh., \$80 n.  
Zoong Sings, Sh.—  
Wing On Textiles, Sh.—  
Miscellaneous  
H.K. Entertainments, \$5 1/2 n.  
Constructions, 1 1/2 b.  
Vibro Piling, \$6 n.  
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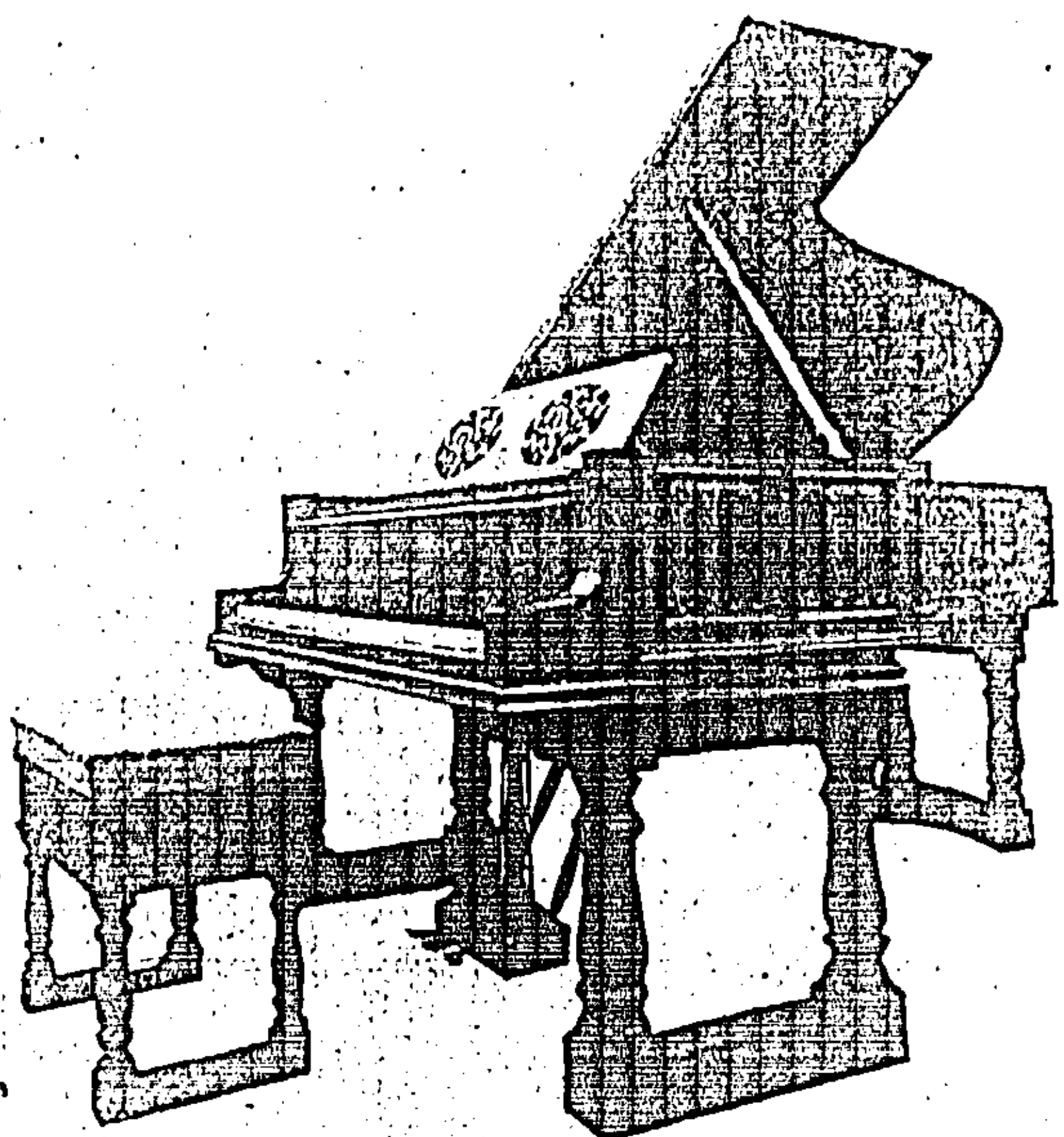
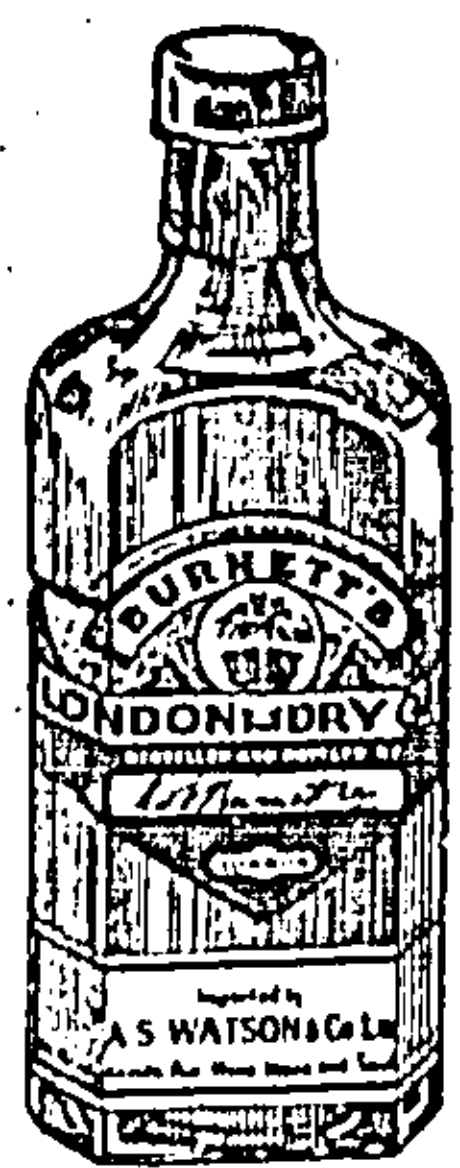
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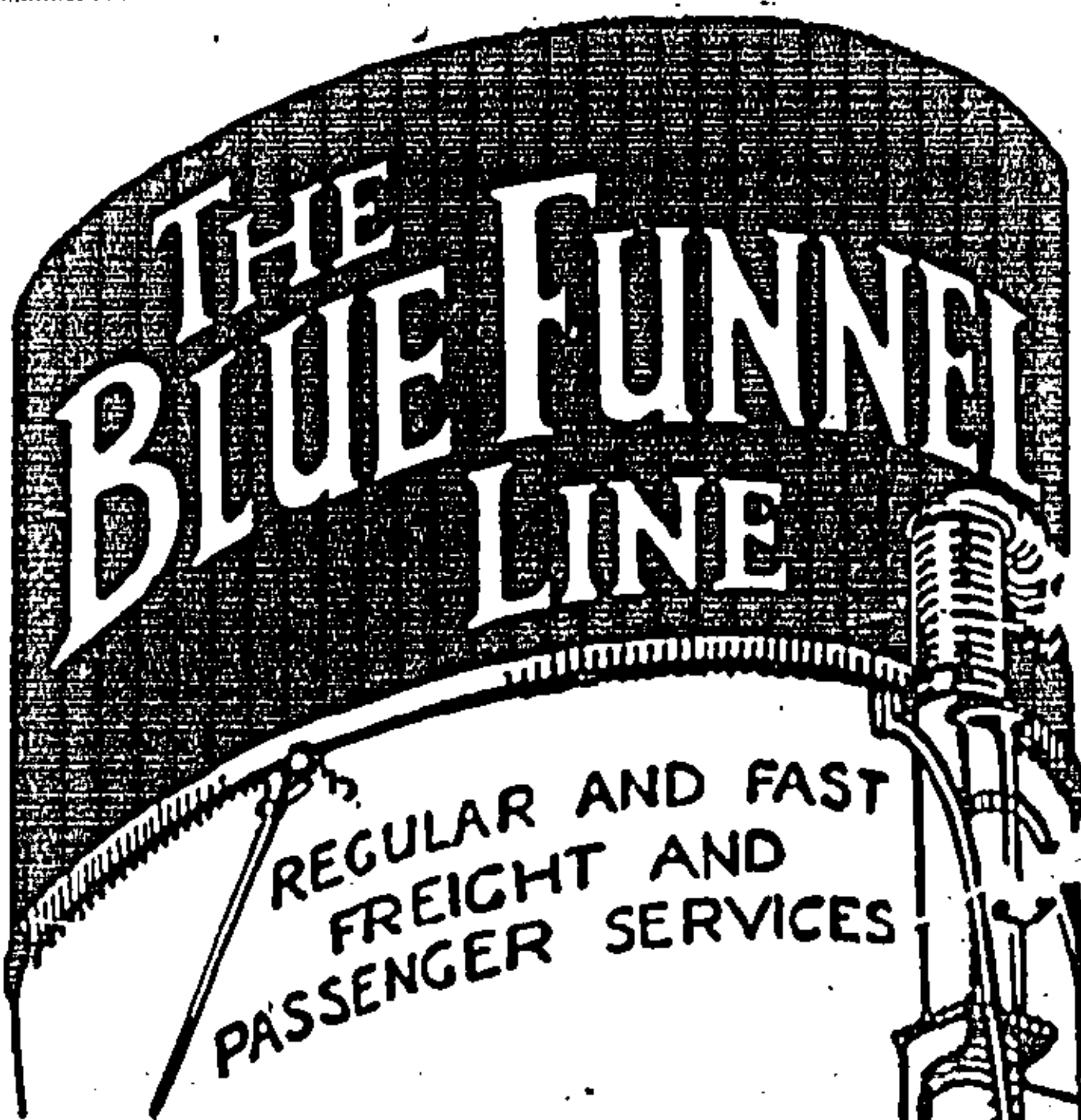
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#### MARRIAGE

SASSO-BERNDT. At the Roman Catholic Cathedral, on January 10, 1938, Maurice Sasso, Budapest, Hungary (member of staff, Hongkong Hotel) to Elsie Berndt, daughter of Mrs. and the late Mr. Wm. Berndt.

The  
**Hongkong Telegraph.**

TUESDAY, JANUARY 11, 1938.

### WORKER WONDERS "WHY?"

M. Paul van Zeeland, one-time Belgian Prime Minister, and first-class economist, has been studying world economic ills with a view to suggesting to responsible governments methods for curing the complaints. This will delight the wizards of finance and the worshippers of abstruse economic theories, and will leave the humble worker cold. While the leaders of industry, commerce and finance lick their lips and bare their teeth ready to rend in pieces M. van Zeeland's cure for economic ills, the worker will try to go on working, pausing only to wonder why, in this so-called civilised world, his home and family should be daily threatened by war, unemployment, civil strife, loss of personal freedom, religious persecution, and the rest of the depressing daily concomitants which comprise the "Twentieth Century Blues".

It has long been insisted that intelligent public opinion alone can save democracy. The contribution of the intelligentsia towards the moulding of this opinion has been the presentation of political, social, economic and financial theories, so involved and complex that they severed the ranks of their protagonists and left the worker begging for a statement of faith and action which he can comprehend. The world, having built up its gigantic and bewildering systems, is now defeated by its own creeds, and left floundering in its attempts to discover the solution through national cures, camouflaged in international trappings.

It is quite possible that M. van Zeeland's proposals, when they are made known, will go a very long way towards the alleviation of existing distress. But the more realistically-minded will recall that the World Economic Conference held out just as much hope and

# THESE PLANTS GO MAD



## PLANTS

which "go mad" and, sprawling in unpredictable shapes, grow side by side with members of exactly the same botanic group of which the symmetry and colouring are unique in nature; others imitating stones to protect themselves from birds; strange growths prolonging their lives by feeding on themselves; minute vegetable organisms developing at the rate of less than an ounce in 100 years—such are just a few of the marvels of a nursery I have seen at Laindon, Essex.

Its owner is Mr. T. M. Edean and, in a way, he is something of a marvel himself.

His story, covering 50 years of cactus and succulent plant growing, illuminates the progress of a working-class Hackney boy from crippledom and blindness to a position unique in the world of botany.

To-day, towards the end of a life which has been, a constant fight with illness, Thomas Edean is still, by practical standards, a poor man, but his greenhouse is a Mecca for botanists from every continent. It is believed to contain the finest general collection of cacti and other succulents in the world.

In 1933 this working-man's nursery was the means of re-establishing 37 varieties of succulent plants in their native African habitat from which they had long vanished. They were unknown elsewhere in the world.

was a complete failure. The W.E.C. demanded sacrifices; and so it failed. M. van Zeeland's suggestions will almost certainly involve sacrifices, and if they do they too will be doomed to similar fate. One finds the same story with the disarmament conferences, and obviously one can easily discover the reason for the success of the Ottawa Conference.

Perhaps Mr. H. G. Wells and his "Open Conspiracy" are Utopian, and maybe pacifists are cowards if judged by certain values, but it does seem that both have hit upon a fundamental demand for the creation of a saner, happier world, when they emphasise the need for a restatement of man's relationship with man. This restatement appears to call for the subordination of self in the interests of the masses—in short, sacrifices. Our present-day systems would have no truck with such sentiment, yet until the nations comprehend the vital necessity of this basic creed, one fears that M. Paul van Zeeland's great efforts will have been made in vain.—S.A.G.

Any preconceived ideas one may have about the cactus and its botanic relatives are quickly upset here.

Three 6-inch spines of the echino cactus emoryi are sufficient to catch a shark, and they are actually used for that purpose by South American natives, who say that an echino hook will hold when a steel hook would break.

On the other hand there are cacti with spines as soft as silk and nearly as fine as gossamer. Climbing over the greenhouse staging is a plant resembling an old-fashioned English clematis. But it's a cactus all the same and is the only leaved kind known.

Another strange succulent in the Edean collection is an echevaria, 40 years old and 3 inches high, which in its true form is an exact replica of a bishop's mitre, but may just as easily take the shape of a pile of haricot beans—if you can imagine haricot beans with points on them. In this form it is known as a refractory plant, one which has probably "thrown back" to the form of an ancestor.

Only rarely can the cactus and succulent grower be sure that arrows.

The seeds of a given plant will reproduce the characteristics of the parent form. The new plants may be so fantastically different in outward appearance that only a botanist can ascertain the genus.

And what would you make of a plant the leaves of which only hold to the stem by suction? Such is the crassula compuncta, looking for all the world like a row of buttons threaded on a string. The "buttons" can actually be turned round and round on the stem. There is no direct union, yet they continue to grow.

There are plants which mimic wolves' and tigers' mouths, with canine and feline "teeth." There is a plant, not a cactus, which so perfectly counterfeits that plant as to be indistinguishable therefrom, except by experts. This is the euphorbia, filled with a milk-like fluid which is deadly poison. Natives employ it on spearheads and

Enthusiasts for cacti and succulent plants divide their attractions under four heads—quaintness of form, symmetry of form, beauty of flower, beauty of foliage.

The loveliest flowers are those whose life is briefest; and how lovely and how brief may be judged by the cercus family, on which one single perfect annual bloom with petals like a glowing silk fringe, appears for seven hours only. At seven in the evening it is opened; by two in the morning it is gone. This flower grows on an eight-foot plant.

At the other extreme I saw succulent plants no bigger than peas, throwing up violet coloured blooms—an inch across—on 2-inch stalks, and these remain in bloom for a fortnight.

But it is in foliage that the succulent plant is unchallengeably supreme. The best specimens in the Edean collection are breath-stopping in their perfection of pure form and colour harmony.

Light, playing on the natural wax coating of the plant, produces infinite gradations of radiant metallic colour, running alike through tall tongue-like leaves or miniature rosettes, according to the nature of the plant, and changing subtly in every inch of surface.

In this section nature takes up the challenge of art and beats it by a mile. I commend it to the attention of modern interior decorators.

To what great age will a succulent grow? No one knows. There is a plant at Laindon—the anacampsis ustulata—which is 3-inches high and 100 years old; and still it grows. It weighs perhaps an ounce.

There is a echino cactus, needing two men to lift it, 130 years old. And there is a leuchtenbergia, one of the few in the world, which was old when Shakespeare died, which may have been growing on a South American bank in the days of the Incas, which still blooms . . . 500 years, Mr. Edean moderately computes, are compressed into the 3½-inch height of its base, to which each new spike thrown up at the crown eventually adds a layer of tissue-paper thickness. Each spike—five appear a year—takes twenty to thirty years to die.

"Do you wonder," asked my pain-racked remarkable guide, "that I have given my life to my plants?"

**Stanley Baron**

C. R.

## THE GAME OF YOUTH

Beauty at the Neckline

THE most interesting game all women play to-day is the game of youth.

There are many, however, who are playing it in a haphazard manner which gives them away as amateurs who have not mastered all the rules. A few of these they know and observe faithfully; others they seem to regard as unimportant, but they console themselves with the thought that in spite of their slipshod manner, they will be regarded as quite good players.

In short, too many women are playing the game with their faces only, and while a well-cared-for and well-made-up complexion; youthful, curling lashes; a firm contour and the complete absence of wrinkles may carry them triumphantly through the early rounds, the play is not too far distant when the major faults of their play will be obvious, for the necks they have given scant attention to while they gave unremitting care to their faces, will break the spell of illusion.

It is extraordinary, yet an undisputed fact that very few necks and faces really match.

#### Regular Attention

A great many women never give their necks any regular attention with skin-food or massage, with the resultant neglected appearance. The appearance is particularly evident during those months of the year when furs and heavy coats are worn, but it is wise to make a habit of applying a bleaching pack to your neck at regular intervals throughout the year.

These can be purchased already made up in a tube, and twice a week is not too often to apply, especially so if the contrast between neck and face is so obvious. First, open the pores of the skin by wringing out a small towel in hot water, and hold this round your neck for a minute or two, then spread the bleaching paste on freely and leave till it sets dry and firm. Then, rinse off with hot water, using only upward strokes.

at the same time work in a good cold cream, still playing the upward movement with your finger-tips.

Frequent treatment with a suitable oil is good for those necks which have been badly neglected, and in consequence have developed scrappy contours. A teaspoonful of pure olive oil added to the duty oil is Masage when this can be taken. Massage with warmed almond oil is excellent treatment for a thin and wrinkled neck. Steam the neck before commencing treatment, and work the oil gently with firm upward movements. Finish off by sponging with very cold water to which the juice of a lemon has been added.

#### Simple Exercises

Every woman who takes a pride in her appearance and wants to keep a firm and supple neckline must devote a few minutes every day to these simple exercises. A food one is to throw the head backwards, then bring it forward until the chin touches the chest.

Another is to make the neck take the whole strain of the movement without any assistance from the shoulders. Each day, look over your shoulder a dozen times, without moving your body in any way; this must be done slowly and deliberately.

If your neck has a crepe-like skin and this must be massaged gently in, at least, twice a day whenever possible—circular massage movements.

A few minutes massage with a good quality skin-food every night along with the simple head-turning exercises given above, done regularly will bring your neglected neck into a condition matching the school girl complexion of your well-cared-for face.

Take care to work all cream into your skin, any that is not absorbed must be carefully removed, for unless your skin is allowed to breathe freely it will inevitably take on a dull lifeless look, then all your regular exercises and massage treatment will have gone for nothing.



# COULD YOU SPOT SIX LOSERS?

## Counsel's Challenge In Bets Case

Could you pick six losers in a day's racing?

Counsel threw out this challenge to the jury during the opening of a case at the Old Bailey recently.

A retired inspector of the General Police and a postman had told of an alleged betting swindle in which the public were offered 100 to 1 on a pick of a losing horse in a race.

They said that after several losing bets they won—but were not paid. Harold Johnson, aged thirty-seven, company director, pleaded not guilty to obtaining a number of postal orders by false pretences with intent to defraud.

Mr. J. A. Byrne (prosecuting) said that Johnson conducted a business called the "Express Daily Sports Association," circulars stating that the association paid investors 100 to 1 if they named six losing horses were sent out. These circulars also gave a list of rules, one of which stated that letters must be received not later than the set time of the first race.

### "HEADS I WIN"

Mr. Byrne alleged that the rules were so framed that so far as the promoter was concerned it was a case of "Heads I win, tails you lose."

Mr. Graham Brooks (defending) invited the jury to try picking six losers.

"Get a morning paper when you retire during the adjournment," he said, "and see if you can pick out six losers in the racing at Manchester to-day. Bear in mind that each horse has to be in a different race, must not be in the first three, and if you pick a horse that does not run you lose your money."

Johnson, who gave evidence, denied in cross-examination that though the rules made it difficult for people to win they "bore the stamp of dishonesty."

An insurance broker said that he had a number of bets with the association. He lost about £22, then Mr. Johnson, who was acting as an insurance agent with Johnson, he called to see him and was paid his winnings in cash.

### BISLEY PLANS FOR 1938

### N.R.A. MEETING IN JULY

### ARMY'S NEW TYPE OF TARGET

Bisley Camp.

The National Rifle Association will hold its 75th annual meeting at Bisley camp from Monday, July 4 to Saturday, July 16, on which day the final of the King's Prize will take place in the afternoon.

The prize distribution will follow soon after the last shot is fired.

The National Smallbore meeting will take place during the first week of Bisley, July 4 to 9, on the Running Deer range.

The meetings of the Army, Royal Navy and Royal Marine Rifle Associations will occupy Bisley ranges during the week immediately preceding the Imperial meeting, known as the "Services" week.

The Territorial Army will hold its meeting from July 3 and for the first three days of the Imperial meeting.

The Royal Force Rifle Association will hold its central meeting on Bisley ranges during the week beginning May 30.

The rifle allowed for the use at the N.R.A. meeting will be the same as for 1937. The Australian heavy barrel S.M.L.E. rifle, used by the Australian rifle team at the Commonwealth meeting this year, and with which they won the Empire and Commonwealth matches, may only be used by bona fide Australian competitors.

### P. 14 RIFLES FOR SALE

The Government has now released for sale 2,000 pattern 1914 rifles known as the "P. 14"—which type may be used in all competitions open to the S.R. (b) rifle—i.e., rifle fitted with sling and peep sight, both of which can be used as an aid to accuracy.

The N.R.A. Council hopes shortly to be able to provide spare barrels of private manufacture, for sale to private owners of "P. 14" rifles who require new barrels, at a price within reach of all. The N.R.A. has still on hand a number of "P. 14" rifles, which can be hired either by the day or year at a modest charge.

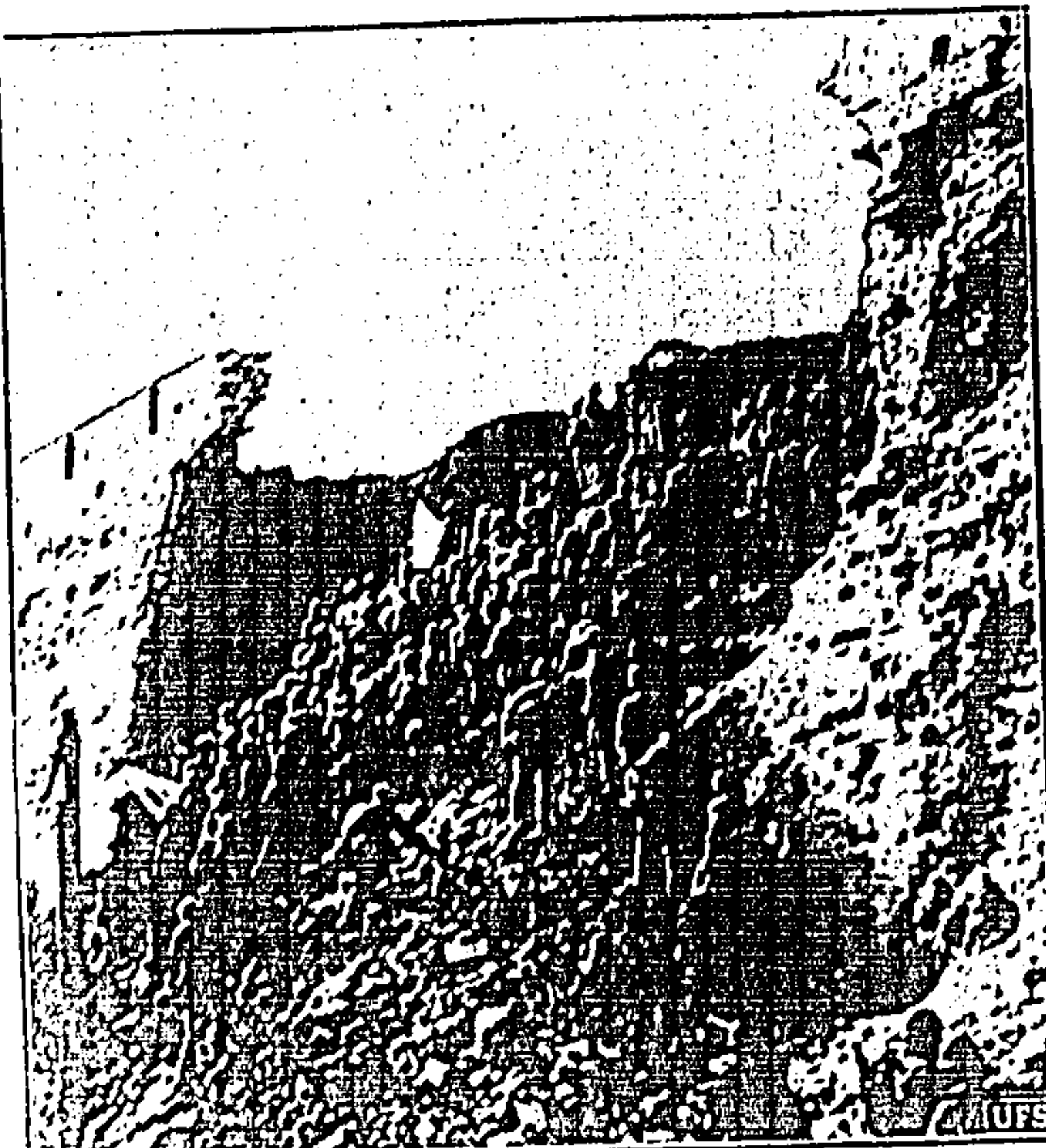
The dates on which the various competitions and matches take place will be the same as for 1937. There will be no competition in 1938 concurrent with the first stage of the King's Prize on the same lines as the 1937 Coronation competitions.

### N.R.A. TARGETS UNCHANGED

Although the Army Rifle Association is introducing a new type of target for its 1938 competitions, the N.R.A. will make no change from the 1937 targets. The R.N., R.M., and R.A.F. will almost certainly conform to the N.R.A. targets.

Two sighting shots, compulsory, and included in the entrance fee.

### MODERN GUNS: ANCIENT WALL.



WALL FELL DOWN—This ancient Chinese wall about the city of Taiyuan was formerly believed a formidable barrier against invading hordes. But when the inhabitants refused to surrender to the Japanese, recently, the attackers turned their big guns on it and presently found easy access to the city, as shown.

## THE DUKE OF WINDSOR

### "Might Become Serious Danger Politically," says Sheriff

It would be tactful and considerate if the Duke of Windsor was allowed to become a private citizen, and was not made "copy" of by the Press, said Mr. Walter J. Robertson, Sheriff-Substitute of Lanarkshire, in Glasgow, when speaking recently at the annual dinner of the Glasgow and West of Scotland District of the Institute of Journalists, Glasgow.

It was within the bounds of possibility, he added, that the Duke might in the future become a very serious danger politically.

Sheriff Robertson said that when Charles Bedaux, having booked himself on a liner of his choice, and labelled his destination Paris, arrived at Greenock, he hoped he would be untroubled. Poor Bedaux got out of Greenock, and took a motor car, and he was chased 150 miles by a journalist, who "ran him down" at Carlisle. He refused to answer all the questions about a certain eminent person, now known as the Duke of Windsor.

"Now I would like to say this. His Royal Highness the Duke of Windsor has chosen to abdicate the highest position in the world to become a private citizen. Whether he is fully private citizen or not, I cannot say, but if he does not, it is not the fault of the Press. I would not perhaps be a tactful and considerate thing if His Royal Highness was allowed to be a private citizen, and not made 'copy' of by every newspaper and magazine he sees being reported in the paper. (Hear, hear.) It is quite within the bounds of possibility that the young gentleman might in the future become a very serious danger politically, in this or that way."

### B.B.C. AND SURNAME PRONUNCIATION COMMITTEE TO DECIDE

Pronunciation of surnames is the next subject for the B.B.C. Advisory Committee on Spoken English, of which Mr. Bernard Shaw is chairman. When the committee met again on Dec. 7 it considered a proposal that the B.B.C. should issue a booklet giving recommended pronunciations of about 500 English surnames.

Mr. Shaw and his colleagues have no intention of dictating the pronunciation of names to their owners. Here are some of the names reviewed: Beauchamp, Poullett, Belisha, De Carew, Cockburn, Pridcaux, Cholmondeley, Powell, Greenhalgh, Waddell, Houston, Waugh, Ponsonby, Whewell.

Though it was impossible, in the case of a given name, to give at a pronunciation acceptable to all its owners, the committee endeavoured to find the most general usage.

will be taken in all N.R.A. individual competitions. The squadding for individual competitions will be in pairs under similar conditions as for 1937. In individual squadded events ammunition will be drawn from central depots on the presentation of detachable vouchers forming part of the competition ticket.

The competitions for 1938 will be generally on similar lines to former years. The official programme book will be ready for issue early in the New Year. Individual entries for the squadded events will close on June 20.

## Science Versus Criminal

### Bringing About the Downfall of the Wrongdoer

Confronted with minute particles of coal dust taken from an old wound in his hand, a German miner who had denied that he was in the Ruhr district when a murder was committed recently, confessed to the crime. Unknown to him, he had carried this tiny indelible clue which was to become damning evidence against him.

In British crime annals too, particularly since the development of police laboratories, seemingly insignificant clues have frequently led to the wrongdoer's undoing.

One of the most recent examples was the case of Leslie George Stone, the 21-year-old randy labourer, who murdered Ruby Keen in a "cave" lane at Leighton Buzzard, Bedfordshire. A piece of silk thread about an inch long from the girl's dress, and grains of sand similar to that at the scene of the crime, found in the accused man's clothing, became important links in the prosecution's chain of evidence which led Stone to the scaffold.

### CANDLE GREASE CLUE

Candle grease found in a prisoner's pocket was submitted to tests at the Cardiff City Police Laboratory and revealed in a burglar's conviction and sentence. It was compared with grease left on the carpet of the house which had been entered, and both "exhibits" were proved to be identical with wax from a candle at the thief's lodgings.

It sounds simple enough, but before arriving at their decision the experts tested no fewer than 17 candles of different makes and prices, and all were found to vary in composition.

Chips of enamel left on a damaged gate after it had been hit by a car proved the identity of a motorist's delinquent, also at Cardiff, that he had been involved in an accident. Chemical tests at the laboratory proved beyond a doubt that the enamel was similar to that on the car. Result, the driver admitted the collision.

The fate of a shopbreaker at Hastings depended upon a spider's web. He suggested that the intruder had entered by a certain window, but an observant detective noticed the web across the panes, searched his informant's flat, and there was the missing property.

A boy's footprint in an unbroken tray of shortbread was the principal evidence against a youth found guilty of breaking into a grocery store at Hereford, and a robber at St. James' who was careless enough to leave his feet in a piece of cheese.

Scientific examination of four silvery hairs, returned a venerable "old" to yet another "stretch" at Durham Quarter Sessions, and tiny pieces of glass falling unnoticed into the turnings of a shopbreaker's trowel at Plymouth were silent testimony to the fact that it was he who had gained entry by cutting out a pane of glass.

In several murder trials the slenderest of clues have become important factors in establishing the criminal's guilt. Patrick Mahon, the Crumlin murderer, little thought that a cloakroom ticket would lead to his downfall; nor did William Padmore, convicted of the Southampton garage crime, realize that a chance remark made to a fellow-prisoner while he was "inside" for another offence would assume such importance at his trial on the capital charge.

## Lady Astor's Niece Sings In Night Club To Forget Tragedy

New York. "Adelaide Moffet, beautiful twenty-one-year-old daughter of a millionaire, and a niece by marriage of Lady Astor, began a career as a night club singer in New York recently."

### FOUR YEARS WITH ABORIGINES

Sydney. Dr. Donald Thomson, the young anthropologist from Melbourne University, who lived with the Aborigines in North Australia for four years in one of them, is leaving for England. He says he is most discouraged by the Federal Government's failure to realise its duties to the natives. He would never think of returning to Australia.

He describes the decision to permit watering places to pearlers at Arnhem Land and the building of a flying boat base at Groote Eylandt, the largest island in the Gulf of Carpentaria, both native reserves, as outrages against humanity which shock the world.

If the natives there, he said, came into contact with whites they were bound to perish and the finest remaining tribes of Aborigines would thus disappear.

### CITY FORGETS \$2 DEPOSIT

Martina Ferry. The city of Martina Ferry forgot for 37 years that it carried an account in a New York bank. Recently the bank asked the city to close out the old account. It amounted to \$2.

## RADIO BROADCAST

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### 6.00-7.00 Chinese Programme.

7.00 Dance Music. Fox-Trot—Let's Put Our Heads Together (film) Gold Diggers of 1937; With Plenty of Money and You (film) Gold Diggers of 1937; Roy Fox and His Orchestra; Sweet Leland (from "Waldski Wedding"); The Merry-Go-Round Broke Down; Billy Cotton and His Band; I Saw A Ship A-Sailing; Brian Lawrence and His Orchestra.

### 7.15 Closing local Stock Quotations and Hongkong Exchange Market Report.

### 7.30 London Relay—"All Kinds of People"—1.

"My Memories of the Tsar Nicholas II at his Coronation" A talk by Colonel E. St. C. Pemberton.

### 7.35 Variety.

Vocal—Up And Laugh—Medley; Film Waltz Songs—Medley; Grade Fields with Organ Accompaniment; Vocal and Instrumental—Blaze Away (Kennedy and Holzmann); Many Happy Returns of the Day (Dubin and Burke); Eddie Peabody (Vocal) playing various instruments; Comedian—You Can't Go Away Like That (Miller); Weeping Willow (Miller); Max Miller; Novelty—Blazin' The Trail (Samuels, Whitcup and Powell); Twilight On The Trail (film) The Trail of the Lonesome Pine; The Hill Billies.

### 8.00 Local Time Signal, Weather Report and Announcements.

### 8.05 Variety continued.

Vocal—Place In Your Heart (Sam Coslow); The Very Thought Of You (Ray Noble); Sam Coslow (Tenor); Piano-Accordion Band—Au Revoir (J. G. Gilbert); A Waltz Was Born In Vienna (Crocker and Loewe); London Piano-Accordion Band.

### 8.15 London Relay—"London Pride".

A Programme in praise of London compiled from the tributes of visitors through the centuries. Devised and written by D. F. Alken. Produced by Pascoe Thornton.

8.55 A Short Concert by Claudia Muzio (Soprano) and Casals (Cello). La Boheme—Yes, They Call Me Mimì (Puccini); Cavalleria Rusticana—Mother, you know the story (Mascagni); Claudia Muzio; Moment Musical (Schubert); Le Cygne (Saint-Saens); Apres Un Reve (Faure); Chanson Villageoise (Popper—Op. 52, No. 2); Casals.

### 9.15 London Relay—Robb Wilton as Mr. Muddicombe, J. P. in "The Court of Not-So-Common, Please!"

Written by Barry Bernard Presented by Max Kester.

### 9.30 London Relay—The News.

9.50 Beethoven—Symphony No. 4 in E Flat, Op. 60.

### Felix Weingartner cond., the London Philharmonic Orchestra.

10.15 Songs by Jussi Bjorling (Tenor).

### "Aida" (Verdi)—Heavenly Aida, divine Aida; "La Boheme" (Puccini)—Your tiny hand is frozen.

### 10.25 Light Variety Concert.

Orchestra—Puchio Digo (Pesenti); O Cara Mia (Broadzski, arr. Payer); A. J. Pesenti and His Orchestra; Vocal—I'm In The Mood For Love (McHugh, Fields); I Wishd On The Moon (Ringer, Parker); Lanny Ross; Orchestra—Rise And Shine—Selection; Sydney Kyte and His Pleadably Hotel Band; Vocal—Swing (film) "Public Nuisance No. 1"; Me And My Dog (film) "Public Nuisance No. 1"; Frances Day (Soprano); Orchestra—What's Yours?—A Convivial Medley (arr. Debroy Somers) (with Chorus).

11.00 Close Down.

## Old Soldier Successor To Capt. Westlake

Captain (Quarter-Master) Henry Westlake of the Hongkong Volunteer Defence Corps, is retiring in a few weeks and his place will be taken, it was learned from Headquarters this morning, by Mr. T. Parkinson, at present Regimental Sergeant Major of the Corps.

Capt. Westlake joined the Corps in 1922 as Sergeant Major and in 1930 was promoted Honorary Lieutenant and Quarter-Master, receiving his last promotion in 1936. He expects to leave for home at the end of February.

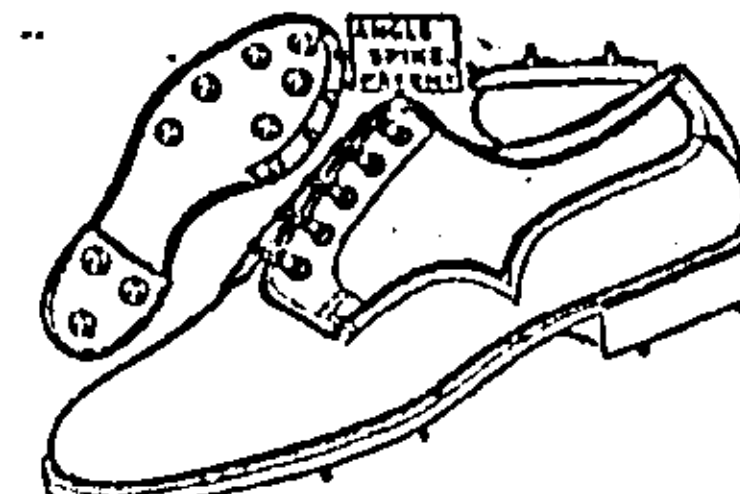
Mr. T. Parkinson is in the Harbour Department of the Government but has been connected with the Volunteers for some years and prior to that spent a long period in the Regular Army.

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O'REILLY  
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Performance

Adelaide, Dec. 10.  
A brilliant spell of bowling by W. J. O'Reilly, who took five wickets for one run, brought about a remarkable change of fortune in the Sheffield Shield match between New South Wales and South Australia here to-day.

New South Wales lost their four wickets for 45 runs and were all out for 337. South Australia made a good start and, with the total at 145 for one, looked like making a big score. Then O'Reilly found his length and sent back five batsmen at a cost of one run. South Australia's total at the close of play was 103 for six.

After losing C. L. Badcock, who made only two, South Australia made good progress with R. S. Whittington and D. G. Bradman together for the second wicket. Both played cautiously, and so well set did they look that it seemed possible they might play out time. The reappearance of O'Reilly, however, brought disaster for the home side. Whittington was the first to go, being caught by Fingleton after scoring 54. Robinson followed and Bradman was the next to fall, being caught for 91. Waite and Walker went the way of the other batsmen, and stumps were drawn shortly afterwards.

GOLF DRAW  
MADEJunior Competition  
At Fanling

The draw for the first round of the Hongkong Golf Club Junior Championship has been completed. The first named player in each round in the challenger and must fix the date for play. Starting times, if required, should be asked for in the usual way.

The draw resulted as follows:  
E. G. Smith-Wright v. T. Low.  
N. K. Littlejohn v. H. Overy.  
R. Hancock v. R. S. Johnson.  
B. J. B. Morahan v. R. K. M. Simpson.  
H. H. Mundy v. R. E. H. Nelson.  
R. G. Gray v. T. E. Pearce.  
G. S. Archibutt v. W. Woodward.  
J. L. C. Pearce v. W. W. C. Sheehan.  
The first round to be played on or before January 23; second round on



A scene in "Melody for Two," now showing at the King's Theatre, in which James Melton and Patricia Ellis are co-starred. A famous radio favourite, Melton comes to the screen for the third time.

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Tournament

Los Angeles, Jan. 10.  
Using a putter which he bought at a junk shop for \$1, Jimmy Thompson, with a score of 273, won \$2,100 of the \$7,500 Open Golf Tournament here to-day.

Johnny Revolta, with a score of 277, won \$1,200, while W. Lawson Little and Henry Picard tied with cards of 278 each.—United Press.

Mr. R. A. D. Forrest fined a shop fold, Wan Chai, \$10 at the Central Magistracy this morning for cruelty to eight geese. The geese, said Sergeant J. Shephard, were tied in pairs and were placed in a small basket, four on top and four on the bottom.

or before February 6; semi-final on or before February 20, and the final (36 holes) on or before February 27.

TABLE TENNIS CUP  
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COMPETITIONLocal Association To  
Organise Leagues

The Hongkong Ping Pong Association instituted a movement last month to raise funds for the wounded Chinese soldiers. A meeting has been called for 7.30 p.m. to-morrow at the Confucius Club, Hollywood Road, where the organising of leagues for men and women will be discussed. To this end cups have been presented by the Chinese Newspaper Correspondents' Union and Mr. Yee Chow-shui, the famous Chinese stage and cinema comedian.

It is anticipated that the best players from Hongkong, Canton, Shanghai and Macao will participate in these leagues, among whom are several who represented China at the Far Eastern Olympic Games.

Arrangements will also be made to facilitate the appearances of Miklos Szabados and Istvan Kelen, the Hungarian world champions who recently passed through the Colony on a visit to Japan, but who will be returning again in March.

HERO OF  
VARSITY  
TUSSE

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to travel to foggy Twickenham, but the plain truth is that they were a beaten flock within a few minutes of the kick-off.

## LICKED, HUMBLD

They were licked and humbled and removed from Oxford's path chiefly because their well-known triangle was throttled long before it could ever get on the move.

The person principally responsible for this was Frenkes, who until very recently was Oxford's full-back. Recently he was at left-centre, and if there is justice on earth he will be hoisted on high when he returns to Oxford—hoisted and applauded, because his tackling was not only deadly, but among the finest ever seen at famed Twickenham.

The tactics of the Cambridge back division were so completely mechanical and orthodox that they really offered themselves as a sacrifice to the Oxford defence, but even this did not harm the game as a spectacle.

## THEY DISAPPOINTED

The second half was better than the first for there were frequently movements that proved that the open game in Rugby has not become an entirely lost art.

Cambridge had infinitely the better of the tight scrums, heeling from nine out of ten, but that was the limit of their superiority. Their backs got going only to be mowed down like chaff in a gale, and they never looked like scoring save when Bruce-Lockhart dropped his neat and smart goal.

Cambridge were a great disappointment to all and sundry, perhaps even to the King who is himself a Cambridge man, and who was present to witness the downfall of his varsity.

In every way it was a grand match, and the only slowness was contributed by the band when they played the National Anthem. On each occasion the big crowd was ahead of it by two lengths at the finish.

Prince Obolensky, the speedy Oxford wing, was scarcely seen, the ball unfortunately not running his way. The only real opportunity he had came late in the game—and he was then brought down with a Soccer trip.

Mayhew stood out as the man of the day, but close behind him were Cooke, the Oxford scrum-half, and Roden. Those who will not want to remember the Varsity match of 1937 are the Cambridge triangle.

M.C.C. COMMISSION  
MAKES ITS  
REPORT

## COMPREHENSIVE SURVEY

By H. J. Henley

After nine months of careful study the commission "appointed by the Marylebone Cricket Club at the request of the Advisory County Cricket Committee to investigate the problems confronting the counties taking part in the First-Class County Cricket Championship" have produced their report. It is long, it is complicated, it is many-sided, and it contains no bombshells. The commissioners, W. Findlay, R. C. N. Parliart, and R. H. Mallett, do not wave the red flag of revolution. They have approached cricket as a great game, too complex and honoured to be lightly despoiled, not as a mere recreation for the mob, which can be "jazzed" to suit the mood of an hour.

In considering their viewpoints and their recommendations it is necessary to recall the situation which led to the creation of the commission. At the end of the season of 1930, after a series of wet, bleak summers, many county clubs were in a desperate state of poverty. The wolf which had been kept at bay for so long was at the doorway at last, and it looked as if some of the committees were prepared to adopt any scheme which seemed to have even a remote chance of increasing "gates." They had forgotten, as the commissioners generally do in such circumstances, that their troubles were in a big measure caused by the bad weather, which had equally affected the hire of boats on the rivers, the ice-cream trade, seaside boarding houses and hotels, and everything else which depends upon sunshine for profit. But the counties only saw that their balance-sheets were bad and a crisis approaching rapidly. So they did what they generally do in times of trouble and turned to the M.C.C. for aid.

The commissioners had many schemes brought before them, but they have carefully refrained from recommending the more drastic forms of "reform" such as allowing the visiting team to bat first instead of tossing for innings, period play, two-day matches, a longer over, and a method of promotion and relegation from teams of different divisions. Indeed, of the changes they do recommend that are more directly connected with the manner of play as distinct from financial jugglery, two present any cause for reasonable objection. Of these, one applies to short-pitched fast bowling, commonly known as "negative length," the other to a reduction in the number of first-class counties.

## LINE FOR BOWLING?

In regard to "negative length," they contend that much of the dull play is caused by the bowlers rather than by the batsmen, and they suggest that a line or lines should be drawn across the wicket, beyond which bowlers would be required to pitch the ball, or be penalised in some way, presumably by being "no-balled." But here we are on very slippery ground. The spot where "negative length" meets the ground differs appreciably with the pace of the pitch and the speed of different bowlers. Are we, then, to have half a dozen lines drawn across the wicket, or is a groundman, armed with brush and bucket and whitewash, to rush forth periodically and change the position of the line? Moreover, an accurate bowler would soon learn to pitch the ball mechanically an inch or two over the line and still be negative in effect but not in law. Consider, too, the unfortunate umpire. He cannot have eyes everywhere. There are too many snags here for comfort.

No doubt balls short of a length used persistently do slow down the scoring, although the many batsmen who now play right back to everything and regard a forward push stroke as old-fashioned, cannot be considered innocent parties. They turn into "negative" bowling devices.

## REDUCE THE NUMBER

In regard to the curtailment of the championship the commissioners suggest that the number of competitors in the first-class division should be reduced from seventeen to fifteen. In this way, they say, it would be possible for all the sides to meet each other which would do away with the percentage method of judging results, and the amount of first-class cricket would be reduced from about 236 matches to 210, thereby allowing extra representative matches to be played. But here again we are on slippery ground. Who would be the two teams excluded? To send down to the second-class division the two counties finishing at the bottom of the first-class table might mean the sudden disappearance of one of the most popular teams—and no hint is given of how the team could ever be brought back again.

This, however, is the affair of the counties themselves, a point which often escapes notice. For they have a perfect right to control their own destinies. They could introduce a relegation or promotion rule next week if a majority of first-class counties were in favour of it. The M.C.C. govern the game at large, but they do not want to interfere with the domestic affairs of a competition. They have no more desire to direct the County Championship than they wish to have a finger in the League shire. It was the Advisory County Cricket Committee, which consist of a representative of each first-class county, three from the Minor Counties Association, and one from the M.C.C., who introduced the two-day match scheme which helped to spoil the season just after the war. It is the Advisory County Committee, not the M.C.C., who change the method of deciding the Championship from time to time, and who are responsible for the cumbersome collection of first-innings points and elaborate percentages. The M.C.C. it is true,

have eventually to sanction all proposals, but what the Advisory Committee pass it never turned down. So if the counties consider that they have not a satisfactory Championship they have only themselves to blame.

## TEST MATCH PROFITS

The first part of the commissioners' report, which is devoted to finance, with especial attention paid to the manner of allotting Test match profits, will be more to the taste of financiers than to the average follower of cricket, and the question of county "gates" and the advisability or otherwise of passing on to the public the entertainment tax, is purely the concern of the club officials, who are at liberty to make their own decisions. More important from the spectators' point of view are the suggestions in regard to hours of play—the intervals, and other matters connected with the clock. The commissioners have done especially good work in stressing the evils of wasting time—surely the quickest way to irritate a crowd—and they would rearrange matters that no tea interval could be taken shortly after the interval between innings, and remove the frittering away of five minutes here or there which at present happens so wantonly. They would also cause it to be impossible for hours of play to be altered at the will of the teams on the third day, and make it a rule for the outgoing batsman on all occasions to meet the out-going batsman before he enters the pavilion. Everyone who follows cricket will greet all this with hearty approval. Intervals illegally prolonged do not benefit the players, and there is no excuse for dawdling. It is a pity that a suggestion is not made to prevent refreshment from being taken out on the field between the refreshment intervals except on very exceptional occasions.

The commissioners point out that their recommendations have not yet been considered by any of the governing bodies, and no doubt before any changes are definitely made in the conduct of the game much will be whittled away and many a suggestion turned down. But if they succeed in bringing home to the counties even the importance of punctuality the commission will have been worth while. "WATCH-MAN."

## SPORT ADVTs.

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## Hongkong Telegraph PHOTONEWS

### HAPPENINGS AS SEEN BY THE CAMERA'S EYE



**MARVEL ON BLADES**—Many nations were represented in the Winter Sports Carnival in Madison Square Garden, Dec. 7-11. Here is a striking action picture of Vera Hruba, Czechoslovakian figure skating champion, as she practiced at a New York rink in preparation for the contests. Miss Hruba is widely known in European ice-skating centres.

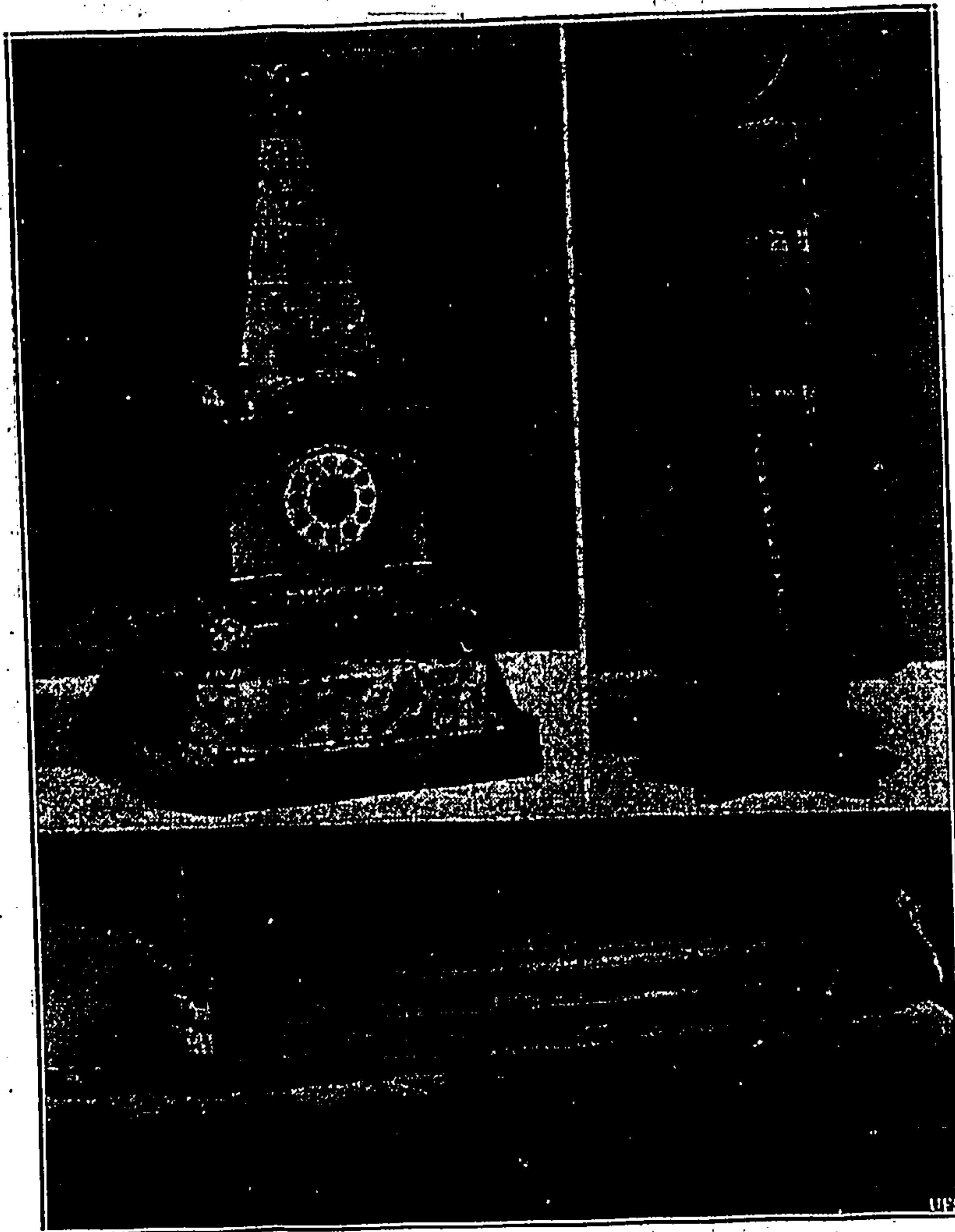


**HELD AT ELLIS ISLAND**—Arriving in New York to join a night club revue, Magda de Fontanges, who shot Count Charles Plinston de Chambrun at a Paris railway station last March, over her avowed romance with Premier Mussolini of Italy, was taken by immigration authorities to Ellis Island. She is shown above as she awaited a hearing. She is under a year's suspended sentence.



**HE TALKS A SECRET**—Viscount Halifax, Lord President of the British Council, kept results of his recent visit to Germany a carefully guarded secret, refusing to say what chance of friendly co-operation between the two nations had developed. Above, at right, he is bid adieu by Joachim von Ribbentrop, German Ambassador, as he left Victoria Station, London, for Germany.

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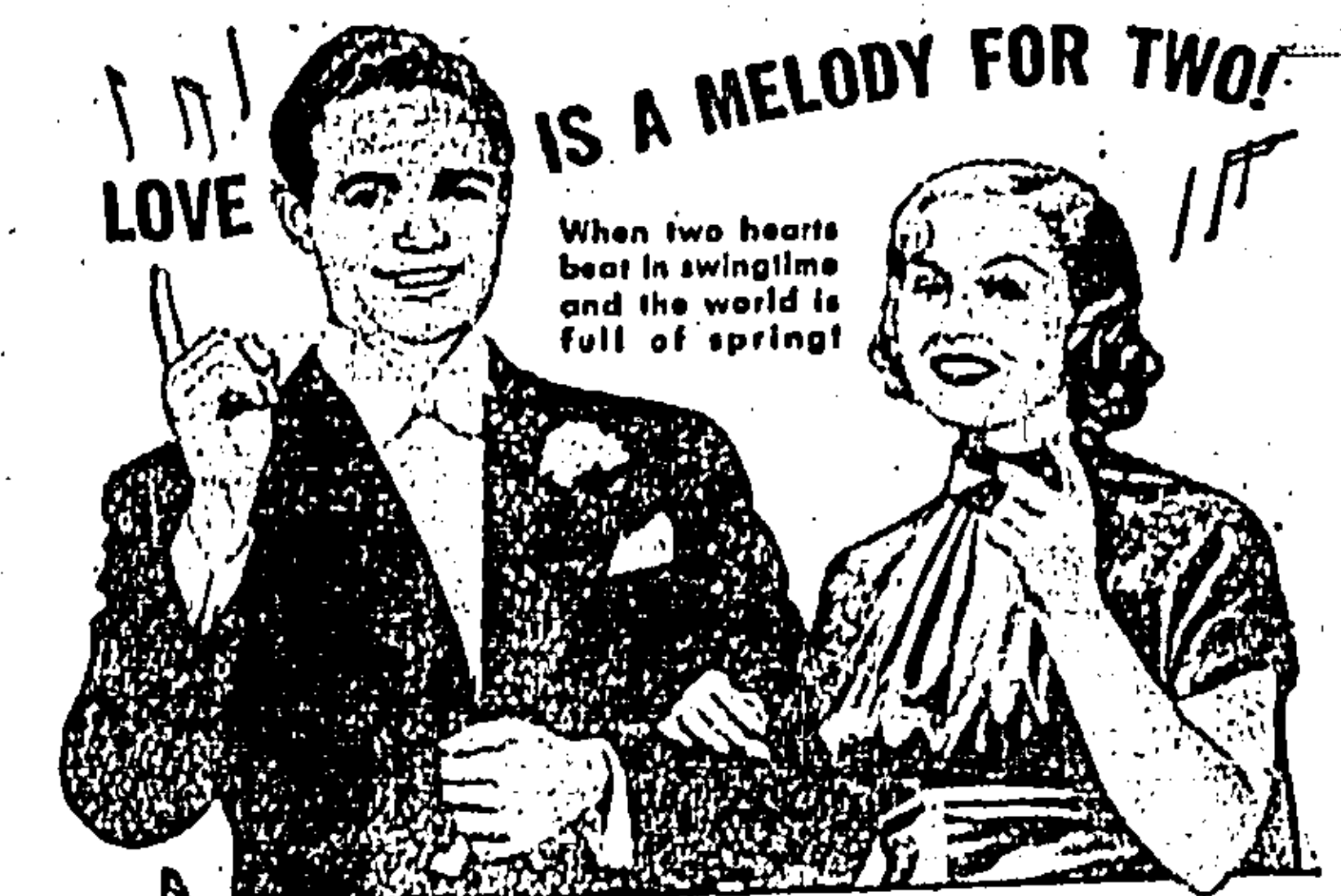
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## HONGKONG MAY BE MENACED

German Newspaper Says Britain Armed Too Late

Berlin, Jan. 11.

The Japanese occupation of Tsingtao has made a deep impression in Berlin, particularly in view of the fact that the seaport was once a German colonial possession.

Political circles are wondering whether this occupation will be a prelude to far-reaching and decisive activity of the Japanese fleet, which may involve a menace to Hongkong. The newspaper Angriff says: "Will the British watch with folded arms the loss of the tremendously important regions around Hongkong? That is the most critical question in international politics to-day."

"Great Britain's re-armament came too late. America's has come still later," this newspaper asserts. -Reuter.

NO COMMENT IN U.S.

Washington, Jan. 10.

The State Department does not comment on the occupation of Tsingtao by the Japanese except to observe that American ships in Shanghai in recent weeks have been urged frequently to evacuate.

However, unofficially, the opinion is growing that Japan faces a long struggle in China if China attempts to hold out. The critical Evening Star in an editorial says: "China plainly set for a long haul, to which she has been persuaded despite the sacrifice and suffering it entails. Sooner or later it will bring her triumph. Her fortitude commands world admiration."

The paper adds that Japan herself realises and anticipates a grinding task ahead of the army, as indicated by Prince Konoye's plans for a four-year campaign in China. -United Press.

## Still Trying To Stop Spanish War

London, Jan. 10.

At a meeting of the Non-Intervention Committee at the Foreign Office to-morrow, the preliminary draft resolution, embodying results of the examination of the technical sub-committee of outstanding problems will be under discussion.

The subject matter of the draft resolution falls under three heads, namely: proposals for the resumption of control plans, for the withdrawal from Spain of Non-Spanish combatants, and the question of the granting of belligerent rights. -British Wireless.

## STORM BLOWS FROM CANADA

Vancouver, Jan. 10.

The storm centre in Alberta and Saskatchewan has moved southward carrying snow and colder weather into the north central United States which suffered the winter's most extreme temperature during the week-end.

Wausau, Wisconsin, was 20 below zero, Iowa Falls, 16 below, Sioux City eight below, Des Moines four below, Madison, Wis., was four degrees above and Chicago, the Windy City, was 20 degrees above.

Temperatures are nearly normal in the Pacific, Atlantic, and southern areas. -United Press.

## AUSTRALIA WANTS MIGRANTS FROM NORTH EUROPE

Melbourne, Jan. 10.

A suggestion that the projected Commonwealth Migration Policy should entail encouragement of migrants from northern Europe is made by the political correspondent of the Melbourne Herald.

The paper states that the Commonwealth appreciates the difficulties of skilled workers from Britain, and adds the feeling is growing among many members of the Cabinet that migrants from Germany, Holland and Scandinavia would make admirable citizens. -Reuter Special.

## WIRELESS OPERATOR TELLS OF FALL OF TSINGTAO

Hankow, Jan. 11.

The Japanese landing at Tsingtao has been officially confirmed by the Chinese. An heroic wireless operator at the Tsingtao radio station sent the last message from Tsingtao to Hankow, reporting "Japanese blue-jackets started landing at 10.45 a.m. If possible I will communicate again this afternoon."

Hankow tried to call Tsingtao in the afternoon, but received no answer. -United Press.

## TSINGTAO OCCUPIED WITHOUT STRUGGLE

Germans Inform Japanese City Not Defended

Tsingtao, Jan. 11.

When the Japanese took over Tsingtao yesterday, they were met by a German delegation comprising Herr W. Ohlwein, Herr P. Hess and Herr F. Navert, who encountered the Japanese marines about 400 strong 15 miles from the city. They informed the Japanese that Tsingtao was not defended and escorted them to the city.

Immediately on entering the Japanese marines posted patrols, while the Japanese Consul, Mr. Otake, waited on board a Japanese warship until arrangements had been completed for him to go ashore and to take up his post.

The first Japanese officer to arrive in Tsingtao was Miyamoto, resident naval officer, who waited for half an hour in the City Government building with members of the foreign volunteers. He carried a Japanese flag and soon afterwards a motor car arrived filled with Japanese flags which were hoisted on various buildings throughout the city. -Reuter.

JAPANESE THANK FOREIGNERS

Tsingtao, Jan. 11.

Mr. A. R. Hogg, a British in command of the foreign volunteers, and members of his staff went to the German Club where they found Captain Shirashi and Major Negata drinking a toast to the Emperor of Japan.

Captain Shirashi said in Japanese: "The Japanese navy arrived here and feels much obliged to the different nationals in Tsingtao for taking care of the city for the time being. We intend to negotiate with the highest Chinese authorities here."

Mr. Hogg responded suitably. Signalling the Japanese occupation of Tsingtao, a Japanese flag was hoisted over the castle-like Municipal Building at 2.30 p.m. yesterday. Many Chinese carrying Japanese flags were present when the foreign volunteers formally handed over the maintenance of peace and order to the Japanese at 4.30 p.m. -Reuter.

## 700,000 To Boycott Japan Goods

Important Decision By London Body

London, Jan. 10.

In connection with the London Co-operative Society's decision to boycott Japanese goods, it is pointed out that the Society's buyers had previously instructed not to purchase Japanese goods when alternatives were available.

The new decision rules out all Japanese purchases except those specifically authorised by the managing committee of the Society.

The London Co-operative Society, representing 700,000 members, decided to cease purchasing Japanese goods as a result of representations from many quarters. It also draws attention to the fact that the Co-operative Wholesale Society, representing 8,000,000 members, is being asked to take similar action.

"We are distressed at the indiscriminate bombings of Chinese women and children, and have addressed Mr. Anthony Eden, Lord Cranborne and Geneva, voicing our indignation," says the notice. -Reuter.

TRADE UNIONS UNDECIDED

London, Jan. 11.

The meeting of the leaders of the Trade Union Congress reached no definite decision regarding the question of an official embargo on Japanese goods, but it was decided to refer the attitude and views of the Labour Movement to Continental Labour and trade union leaders at a meeting in Brussels on January 15.

It depends that everything will depend upon the attitude of the Continental labourites. -Reuter.

## Fresh Weather To Continue

Weather Outlook: Fresh north-easterly winds, and generally fine. Rough weather along the coast from Shanghai to Singapore.

Only seven degrees separated the maximum and minimum temperatures recorded at the Royal Observatory for the 24 hours ended 10 a.m. to-day.

The minimum of 56 degrees recorded in the early hours of this morning was four degrees higher than the minimum recorded yesterday. Humidity, as well as temperature, is also slightly higher, although it is still more than 20 per cent. lower than the humidity recorded last week.

No rainfall has been recorded in Hongkong since January 5.

## Undergrounds Of London Over-Worked

"Staggered" Hours To Relieve Congestion

London, Jan. 10.

The so called staggering of working hours is discussed in the annual report of the London Traffic Advisory Committee in relation to the relief it would afford during the acute peak of traffic on the London underground railways, which, besides causing discomfort to travellers, is stated to be gravely wasteful and uneconomic, necessitating heavy capital costs upon the provision of railways and rolling stock of maximum capacity, although that capacity may be fully used for less than half an hour daily.

The report agrees that as many are interrelated and hours of work are closely related it may not be practical generally to stagger working hours in this way. It is, however, suggested that some relief during peak hours would be obtained by appropriate adjustments of starting times in the case of establishments employing large staffs, and secondary and technical schools, where starting times now materially add to the peak loads on certain sections of line. -British Wireless.

## STOP PRESS

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## BRITISH SHIPS FLEE FROM SHELLFIRE

### BOCCA TIGRIS FORTS ENGAGE JAPANESE SHIP

### Landing Party Leaves Tiger Island After Trawler Retires

Four British ships—the China Navigation Company's Tsinan, the Indo China Steam Navigation Company's Fooshing and two river ferries—fled from a hail of shots at Bocca Tigris forts early yesterday morning.

An audacious Japanese dawn attempt to seize Tiger Island and thus threaten the gateway to the Pearl River, was responsible for the sudden bombardment.

An armed Japanese trawler, laden with marines and trailing several motor boats, crept up the river under cover of darkness.

A landing was actually made on Tigris Island before the presence of the Japanese was discovered.

Signalling to the four British ships to keep clear, the Bocca Tigris forts opened fire as soon as the alarm was raised.

The Tsinan, which was under way when the engagement commenced, immediately steamed up the river towards Canton. The three remaining vessels weighed anchor as quickly as possible and fled in the other direction.

Under brisk fire from the forts the Japanese trawler was forced to retire, leaving the landing party ashore on Tiger Island—Threatened—with isolation and capture, the marines retired a few minutes later by motor launch, and presumably rejoined the trawler further down the river.

British ships passing down the river this morning report that two Japanese warships are anchored at the mouth of the river.

No further incident, however, has taken place at Bocca Tigris, which is approximately eight miles from the mouth of the river.

**Hainan Island Shelled**  
A United Press message from Canton states that increased Japanese naval action was apparent in other parts of South China yesterday.

Japanese warships shelled several towns on Hainan Island, including Sunyung and Yanchung, meeting with no resistance from the Chinese garrisons. The Japanese, however, made no attempts to land at these points.

Canton last night underwent its second night raid since October last, a large number of Japanese bombers flying over the loop-line connecting the Canton-Hankow and Kowloon-Canton Railways.

Ships in the river, including British and American gunboats, and the entire city, were darkened for several hours, until the all clear signal was given.

A beautifully clear moonlight night considerably aided the Japanese bombers in their incursion.

### HANKOW SEVERELY BOMBED

Hankow, Jan. 11.  
Twenty-four heavy Japanese bombers visited Hankow and dropped about 100 bombs on the military airfield.

Anti-aircraft guns engaged them heavily, but none were shot down. The raiders left hurriedly after dropping their explosives.

**CHINESE RETALIATE**  
The Central News says the Chinese airforce bombed the Japanese airfield at Kwangtung and destroyed ten heavy bombers there and also a Japanese gasoline depot.  
One Japanese bomber and three pursuit planes were shot down in air combats when raiding Nanking yesterday.—United Press.

## Japan Expected To Declare War On China

### S'PORE GANGS ACTIVE Police Guards In Tramcars

Singapore, Jan. 11.  
Roving gangs threw bricks and stones and bottles at buses and tramcars for a few hours early yesterday evening until police guards were allotted to the vehicles. After this disturbance ceased.

The police, earlier, had cordoned off the court in which 118 Chinese and Indians were to be tried on charges of unlawful assembly, arising out of Sunday's anti-Japanese rioting.

One Chinese woman is dead as a result of Sunday's rioting. Chinese and Indian drivers have now agreed to take out buses under police protection after they at first refused, owing to fears of being stoned. The gangs' activities are a form of protest against the detention of the 118 arrested in the Sunday disturbances.—United Press.

### WARNING TO BOMB FINDERS

**S'hai Authorities Take Precautions**

Shanghai, Jan. 11.  
In view of the discovery of several crude bombs in the French Concession within recent weeks, the authorities have issued instructions to finders regarding the method of handling these dangerous things. Anybody finding anything of such a nature is requested, firstly, not to touch it but to leave it where it is found; secondly, immediately to inform the French police, who will carry out the necessary investigations.

A particular warning is issued to parents to instruct their children not to play with suspicious objects found in roads, gardens and vacant lots. These suggestions also apply to the discovery of all other military explosives.—Reuter.

### HANKOW TRAIN DELAYED

Canton, Jan. 11.  
The refugee train from Hankow, containing the Italian Consul, the British Vice-Consul, two American naval officers and 70 American sailors, is held up at Loktung, 33 miles north of Canton, due to an air raid alarm which sounded at 8.50 this morning.

According to Chinese reports, three Japanese planes were sighted this morning at Tungkawan, heading in the direction of the Bocca Tigris.

Meanwhile details of last night's moonlight raid have not yet come in from the various points along the railway. Passengers on the evening train to Canton from Hongkong has an exciting time at Chengmukow and they had to spend over two hours in the pad fields during an air raid alarm. The train finally arriving at 10.45 p.m., almost three hours late.—Reuter.

increase of 66 per cent. over the previous week.

There were three deaths from diphtheria (of four cases reported) and one from meningitis during the week.

Tuberculosis claimed 81 victims, compared with 82 in the previous week.  
Two new cases each of dysentery and meningitis were reported yesterday.



More than 12,000 lantern-bearers formed a huge parade in Tokyo when announcement was made of the signing of the Italo-German-Japanese anti-Comintern pact in Rome. Above, Foreign Minister Koki Hirota, centre; German Ambassador Herbert von Dirksen, right, and Italian Ambassador Giacinto Auriti, left, acknowledge cheers.

### CHIEFLY CONCERNED WITH INTERNATIONAL ORDER, HULL ASSERTS

Washington, Jan. 10.

In reply to a Senate resolution requesting information, Mr. Cordell Hull, Secretary of State, sent a letter to Mr. John N. Garner, Vice-President of the United States in which he said:

"Referring expressly to the situation in the Far East, the United States is deeply interested in supporting, by peaceful means, influences contributory to the preservation and encouragement of orderly processes. This interest far transcends in importance the value of American trade in China or American investments in China. It transcends even the question of safeguarding the immediate welfare of American citizens in China.

"The interest and concern of the United States in the Far Eastern situation, the European situation, and the situations of this Continent, are not measured by the number of American citizens residing in any particular country at any particular moment, nor by the amount of investment by American citizens there, nor by the volume of trade. There is a broader and much more fundamental interest—which is that the orderly processes of international relationships be maintained.

**ADEQUATE PROTECTION**  
"In the present situation in the Orient, the Government is affording adequate protection and assistance to American citizens as the Government always has done. The American Government is also upholding its principles as it has always done. It is the rights of the United States that the principle that our people should be respected, at the same time the Government has sought, and is seeking, to avoid the involvement of this country in disputes between other countries. We are endeavouring to afford those measures of protection which are called for by us and we are in accord with the realities of the situation."

It was this which involved the Government advising citizens to retire from the danger zones, and at the same time called for the Government to redouble its efforts in safeguarding Americans.

**AMERICA'S STAKE**  
In his response to the resolution, Mr. Cordell Hull said that 10,350 Americans were resident in China (Continued on Page 4.)

### LONDON PRESS TAKING GRAVE VIEW OF EVENTS

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### DESCRIBES END OF PRESIDENT HOOVER

Mr. T. B. Wilson Gives Interesting Talk To Rotarians

Speaking at the Hongkong Rotary Club to-day, Mr. T. B. Wilson described the breaking up of the Dollar liner President Hoover on Hoisho To Island and said that spray was frequently flung over the masts and funnel of the big ship landing her from the view of watchers on the shore only 200 yards away.

Major R. D. Walker, President of the Club was in the chair.  
"I have been prevailed upon to tell you of my recent adventurous voyage to the, shall I say, rescue of President Hoover. The first news I had of the disaster was a telephone call from the Radio Office at about 12.30 a.m. on December 12. As soon as I received word from the Master of the vessel that she would require assistance and salvage, I arranged with the Taikeo Dockyard to handle the salvage. It so happened that the only salvage tugs were those of the Nippon Salvage Co. which were then employed in salvaging the Asama Maru, aground at Salwan Bay since the typhoon of September 2.

Negotiations were completed at about noon on Sunday and as my Port Captain was suffering from a broken arm, and my port Engineer was required in Hongkong to handle repairs on the steamers scheduled to arrive, it was necessary for me to go to the salvage tug.  
Accompanied by Tom Brayfield, Surveyor to the London Salvage Association, and Jack Swan, of the Taikeo Dockyard, I boarded the Japanese salvage tug, Yusho Maru at about half past eleven that evening.

**NO FOREIGN FOOD**  
As no foreign food was available on the tug, Swan had supplied, what he thought would be sufficient to last us for a week's journey. The provisions consisted of a few tins of biscuits, several tins of sausage, (Continued on Page 4.)

### GERMAN MEDIATION COLLAPSE

Berlin, Jan. 10.  
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### JAPANESE LANDING

Canton, Jan. 11.  
Vernacular papers report 60 Japanese have landed on Santou Island, which was occupied and abandoned last month.  
It is also reported the Japanese are strengthening their garrison of 200 on Honpo Island.—United Press.

(Further Stop Press News on Page 12.)



## Radiant Spinsters

Spinsters are more criticised than war chiefs, and perhaps more discussed than the Far Eastern situation or the Income-tax.

Some say we are selfish because we prefer our freedom, and others, having successfully gained a husband themselves, pity us because there are not enough men to go round; and still others fear us as dangerous females, smartly dressed, with plenty of leisure, ready to give consolation to another harassed woman's husband at the slightest provocation.

But the radiant spinsters of to-day lead the world. Women who, if they have not got homes and husbands, have their jobs which often benefit large numbers of people, and into which the richness of a personality, with time for leisure and cultural activity, can be poured.

Take a look at some of the leading spinsters of to-day.

Brown-haired Caroline Haslett started as a 10s a week apprentice in an engineering office, and now earns a four-figure salary as Director of the Electrical Association for Women, and is head of 7,000 women.

Popular Margery Fry, ex-Principal of Somerville College, Oxford, is a keen penal reformer. She was a great favourite with the students at Oxford.

The Hon. Dorothy Paget is worth several millions. Once she owned a fleet of racing cars, now she is a big racehorse owner.

And who is happier than Edith Evans, the actress? "I'm happiest doing work I love," she said.

And then there are thousands of spinsters, not so eminent, but who, nevertheless contribute their share to modern life.

### The Modern Maiden Aunts

There may no longer be maiden aunts to look after little nieces and nephews, when mother is ill or busy, but these same aunts are now living in bachelor flats, as office workers, professional or technical workers holding together the vast structure of modern industry, women who manage to get lots of kick out of life, with their theatre parties, week-end cottages, socials, and often foreign travels.

And, of course, we must not forget the bachelor woman living at home with an invalid or aged parent, and perhaps helping to keep the home going.

She may not, in fact does not, lead the glamorous life of her freer sister, but who can measure the value of the worth of her job?

No, eminent spinsters, ordinary every-day spinsters—lead the world. Gone are the days when the unmarried daughter was a liability, and gone are the days when she was just tolerated. She is not only an asset, she is top of the pole!

M. B.

## Cooking Hints

SAVE the best leaves from celery tops and dry them in the oven until they are quite brittle. When rubbed into powder and stored in stoppered bottles, they are excellent for flavouring purposes.

When reheating a meat or fruit pie, place the dish in a greaseproof bag, for then the crust will not be hard when the pie is hot.

Instead of putting in the usual orange or banana when making a jelly, try adding a grated dessert apple just before it sets, as it is delicious served with or without cream. When making pastry that is to be served cold, use milk instead of water, for the pastry will then keep short and crisp much longer.

To prevent pastry from rising and spoiling the appearance of custard tarts, spread butter on the pastry before putting in the custard mixture.

Sausages will not burst if fried in butter or lard. Allow the fat to become fairly hot, put in the sausages and turn them over lengthwise with a broad knife.

Fruit pies will not be spoilt by juice running out if the sugar is put in the pie-dish before the fruit instead of on top.

A cake which sticks to the tin can usually be loosened by placing the sides and bottom in a bowl of boiling water.

Candied peel, glace cherries, and preserved ginger will chop more easily if warmed slightly beforehand. Similarly, parsley will chop quite easily if first washed in cold water, placed in a small basin, and covered with boiling water for ten minutes.

Before frying onions, boil them for ten minutes and this will prevent them from burning and turning black.

When cooking fish, fill the pan with cold water containing a tablespoonful of vinegar, for this will prevent the usual odour.

Use a tablespoonful of golden syrup instead of white sugar when stewing apples, figs, or prunes, and the juice will be thicker and sweeter.

When cooking vegetables, add a small knob of butter or dripping to the boiling water as this helps them to cook quickly and brings out their full flavour, besides preventing the water boiling over.

G. G. T.

# The Queen's new Overall



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QUEEN ELIZABETH is a true housewife and takes a personal interest in the supervision of her Palace and Castle homes. She has just bought an attractive and practical overall. It is cut on the lines of an artist's smock, and slips on like a coat, being loose enough to wear comfortably over any dress or suit; a Latin Quarter bow of black ribbon fastens it at the neck, and there is one button half-way down the front. All the edges, including those of the two large pockets, are finished with green binding; the overall is made of painted linen figured, and has a gay pastoral design "after William Morris" in red, green, blue, brown and white.

Home Page Cook tells Mrs. Wimblestraw

Some home truths about (a) herrings (b) pheasants

YOU were hoping you would run into me, were you, Mrs. Wimblestraw?

You have succeeded beyond your wildest dreams. You nearly knocked me over.

That is what comes of trying to remember a recipe, is it? Then refrain from attempting such feats of memory outside the security of the home.

It was a recipe about herrings, was it? And it began, "Ask your fishmonger to fillet the herrings." Then forget it.

If I asked my fishmonger to fillet herrings for me, he would probably never speak to me again. Since I admire his talents as a conversationalist, I have always refrained from asking him such a silly question.

YOU can try to fillet your own

herring—if you like, but I—and dine off it. How long should a pheasant be kept to eat a fillet of fish without being a week?

Now, a herring has a lot of most anxious to try it? You would probably leave some of them in it, and my fumbling old Wimblestraw, you see the point, don't you? I should hate you to feel it.

If you are anxious for a change and put into shallow glass jars, from the plainly fried and grilled. Spread it like jam on biscuits. But sprinkle the herrings with pepper not too thickly, please, Mrs. Wimblestraw, coat them well with cat-straw.

meal, and fry them in plenty of the best dripping.

DID you know that you can cook them without any fat at all except their own? You want a thick iron frying-pan for this. Cover the bottom with a good layer of salt, lay the herrings on this, and cook them slowly.

If you try to speed them up they will stick. Herrings cooked in this way are so delicious that many people, once they have tried it, can hardly be persuaded to revert to any other method.

You are gazing at me with a dubious eye, Mrs. Wimblestraw. It pains me, because I always tell the truth about herrings.

WHAT is that? "Some one has sent you a pheasant, and can I—? Certainly, dear lady. Any day, except Friday. Oh, I am so sorry. I thought you were asking me to dine."

You merely want instructions as to how to tell whether the bird is young or old. I am extra-ordinarily good at telling the age of anything. Quite an embarrassing accomplishment sometimes, as you should be the first to admit, old dear.

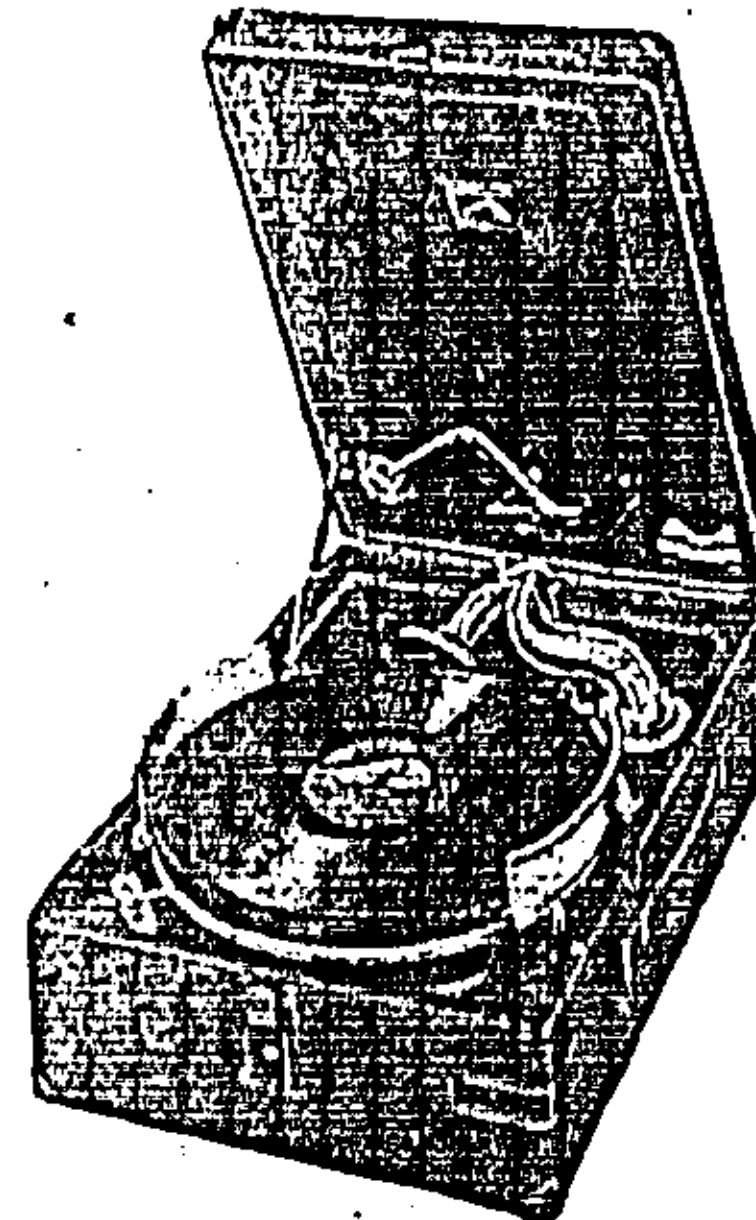
From your description of its gay plumage you have obviously been sent a cock pheasant. The tale of its age is in its spurs. If these are short and blunt the bird is at its tenderest and in its first season. If the spurs are still short, but pointed, it is a second-season bird. If they are not only pointed but long, I fear that the person who sent the pheasant to you is no true friend. Invite him (or her) to come and dine off it.

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YOU have heard of Cumber-land run butter, and are most anxious to try it? You would probably leave some of them in it, and my fumbling old Wimblestraw, you see the point, don't you? I should hate you to feel it.

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## Two Men And A White Flag: 'Gen. Togo' Talks

By JOHN RICKMAN

Twenty-three years after he planned and carried out one of the most audacious campaigns of the Great War, Lieut.-Col. Frederick Carkeet Bryant—"General Togo" to 1914 War Office chiefs—received, recently the first public tribute to his coup.

Within a few days of the outbreak of war he bluffed the Germans out of the key positions in Togoland. It was a master stroke which resulted in the fall of Kamena, then the second biggest wireless station in the world.

The story was first told recently by Major-General Sir Reginald Hoskins and Lord Davidson at the Ashridge Fellowship reunion at the Bonar Law College, Berkhamsted, Hertfordshire.

Determined to find this man whose praises had been so tardily sung, I inquired for him near Market Harborough, where, until recently, he has ridden hard to hounds year after year, but it was in sportive clutches of an armchair in the Bath Club that I finally ran him to earth.

"Fog kept me here"—his words came to me through the haze of afternoon tobacco smoke. "Lucky to catch me. Let's go somewhere fresher." We did, and as we walked he told me....

"I was in Kumasi at the beginning of August 14. Both my chief and the second in command were in England, and I, a captain in the Gold Coast Frontier Force, was senior officer in their absence.

"I realised that speed was essential, so I cabled the Colonial Office that I was going to act. Togoland being a neighbour to the Gold Coast and a German possession, I knew I had to do something about it.

### FORCE OF 1,000

"I gave orders at once to a Captain Barker and Mr. Newlands, who was attached to the political branch of the Colonial Service, to go to Lome, the German port, and carrying a white flag to enter the town and tell the Germans that large forces were advancing on the town from several directions.

"They did this. There was a heated discussion during the night between the Germans, but at last they

left the town in the early hours. "When I heard that my plan had succeeded and that the Germans had even been bluffed into leaving their rifles behind, I shipped my entire force of 1,000 natives and a few French, police and white volunteers, from Accra to Lome.

"We pushed up country from Lome, scrapping all the time. I bluffed again, and our opponents vacated Kamena, thus leaving their vitally important radio station in our hands. Kamena was in nightly touch with Berlin, even in those days.

"And that," said 'General Togo,' "is all I can say about that. Never talk about it as a rule."

This is how Sir Reginald Hoskins, who was at the Colonial Office during the war, told the story at the Ashridge Fellowship recently.

"One day we received a code message from a young subaltern in the Cameroons, who had under his command 'two men and a boy,' announcing that he was going to take Togoland.

"While we were preparing a suitable cable to send him another cable arrived saying that he had made a reconnaissance of the enemy's position and intended to attack. The next morning another message arrived saying that he had attacked and that all was well.

"By this time we called him General Togo."

Lord Davidson said that the young officer's telegram was, "Togoland surrendered to me 8 a.m."



PRINCESS WEDS WRESTLER—Despite her father's threat to disinherit her, Princess Baba, youngest daughter of the British Rajah of Sarawak, in northern Borneo, was married to Bob Gregory, champion of the European heavyweight wrestling title. Above, they leave the Marylebone registry office, London, after the ceremony. She gave her name as Valeria Brooke.

## Rich Boy Finds Life As Hobo Too Tough

New York.

Alfred Knopf, junior son of a prominent and wealthy New York publisher, sat in Salt Lake City Police Station recently, his feet bare and grimy, his shirt and trousers torn.

Knopf disappeared recently. Police of eight States, urged by his parents who feared that their son might have been kidnapped, searched for him.

Late one night detectives found him at Salt Lake City, and took him to jail. Then Knopf sent a telegram to his father asking for money.

Knopf said that he had tried the life of a vagrant and hobo for a week. He found it tough.

"I hitch-hiked through half a dozen towns searching for a job.

I searched through the advertisements, and I walked for miles and miles.

"In all the seven days I slept in a bed only once. Truck drivers were the kindest people of all to me. For the most part people seemed to be a bunch of snobs.

"Why did I run out when my family's got money? I wanted to do something myself."

Knopf flew back to New York later in the day.

## CHILD'S LIFE VALUED BY A POEM

Mr. Justice Greaves-Lord quoted verses on life (Du Maurier 1834-1896) in the King's Bench Division recently, when awarding £1,500 damages to the father and twin sister of a child street accident victim for the loss of the normal expectation of her life.

The child, Hilda Peggy Trubyfield, aged eight, was run over in a Cheltenham street last February by a Great Western Railway Company dray. The judge quoted:

"A little work, a little play To keep us going— And so, good day— A little warmth, a little light Of love's bestowing— And so, good night— A little fun to match the sorrow Of each day's going— And so, good morning—"

Claims were made by the father, Thomas Charles Trubyfield, and the twin sister, Joyce Muriel Trubyfield, of Swinton Road, Cheltenham. Joyce sought damages for the shock suffered, at seeing Hilda killed.

### ON THEIR WAY HOME

The children were on their way home in Swinton Road when Hilda collided with the horse and dray, which was emerging from a yard and crossing the pavement.

The railway company denied that their driver was negligent, and pleaded that there was contributory negligence on the part of the child.

Mr. Justice Greaves-Lord found that the only effective negligence was that of the driver of the dray.

He said the claim for the loss of the normal expectation of life presented a difficult problem. The period by which her life had been shortened was the difference between her age at death and the normal span of life of such a girl.

Everybody had a sort of general notion of the likelihood of life, and everybody was a little inclined to look on the optimistic side.

What had really to be valued was life as a whole, with all its various incidents, and apparently with certain strict restrictions.

### TERRORS OF CHILD LIFE

In regard to a very young infant, the question of probability had to be taken very seriously into account, because any infant had to meet all the terrors of child life and such ailment.

What was life going to be worth to a healthy young woman as the child might have become, earning her own living with dependent parents to whom she would be discharging her duty, and with some prospects of marriage?

Slay of execution was granted, pending notice of appeal.

## AROUND THE EMPIRE

### AUSTRALIA AND NEW GUINEA

Sydney. The Federal Government has decided to abandon Rabaul as the capital of the mandated territory of New Guinea.

The decision, which was announced today in the speech of Lord Gowrie, the Governor-General, at the opening of the new Parliament, has been taken because of the danger from volcanic eruptions.

Rabaul, the chief town of New Britain Island, was visited by a disastrous eruption in May. An expert on volcanoes, from the Dutch East Indies, has reported that the town will be always liable to a recurrence.

The future capital has not yet been definitely decided upon. It is believed, however, that it will be Salamauwa.

Attitude to Anglo-U.S. Talks.—Lord Gowrie declared, in his speech at the opening of Parliament, that the Australian Government would welcome a cordial understanding between Great Britain and the United States. Australia was prepared to play her part in the conclusion of a satisfactory understanding provided Australian interests were adequately safeguarded.

£8,000,000 Loan.—The new international public works loan of £8,000,000, the issue of which was announced by Mr. R. G. Casey, Commonwealth Treasurer, yesterday, has been well received.

Referendum in Victoria.—Mr. Dunstan, Premier of Victoria, proposes, with Socialist support, to submit the Legislative Council Reform Bill to a referendum in February or March should the Council fail to accept it.

Infantile Paralysis.—The thousandth case and the 57th death in the infantile paralysis outbreak in Victoria have just been reported. The epidemic started at the end of June. The State Government has invited Sister Elizabeth Kenny, the Australian nurse, whose method of treatment was tried by the L.C.C. in July, to visit Victoria and give her advice.

### INDIA

#### SERIOUS SITUATION IN CANNORE

Calcutta. The labour unrest fostered in the past few months by agitators in Cannore, United Provinces, threatens to reach a crisis. The mill-owners have withdrawn recognition of the Mazdur Sabha organisation, which purports to represent the mill-workers.

During the whole of this year the cotton mills have been in a ferment, strikes following strike without any shadow of justification.

The secretary of the Mazdur Sabha and 13 other persons were to-day prohibited by the District Magistrate from publishing pamphlets or making speeches for two months.

Sir Harry Hogg, the Governor of the United Provinces, is now in Cannore endeavouring to prevent an ugly situation becoming worse.

Calcutta's Vulnerability.—"I do not desire to be alarmist, but I must remind you that Calcutta, which was a safe and prosperous city in the last war, will in the next be vulnerable to enemy action," said Mr. G. P. Hogg, Chief Secretary to the Government of Bengal, proposing the coast of the Imperial Forces at the St. Andrew's Day dinner.

### SOUTH AFRICA

#### 'DICK WHITTINGTON' OF THE RAND

Cape Town. Mr. Charles Walters, known as the "Dick Whittington of the Rand," who has been Mayor of Johannesburg and was a City Councillor for 20 years, has died at the age of 71.

He was born in England, and arrived in Johannesburg penniless in the days of the pioneers. He started as a vegetable seller, and later became a director of the city's largest brickmaking firm.

Arrest of Natives.—The Union Commissioner of Police has issued a circular to all police officers to use less force when arresting natives.

Earl Howe's Loss.—Earl Howe, the racing motorist, who arrived in Cape Town on Friday, lost a parcel on his way to the Rand. It contained his driving licence, passport, and return steamer ticket.

Named After Lord Nuffield.—A new township at Springs on the Rand has been named after Lord Nuffield.

STATE CINEMA FOR BURMA

Calcutta. A State broadcasting station, a State cinema and a State school of fine arts are the features of the education policy of the present Government of Burma.

The policy includes a State translation bureau to create cheap, popular, and abundant Burmese literature on subjects of mass interest and importance.—Reuter.

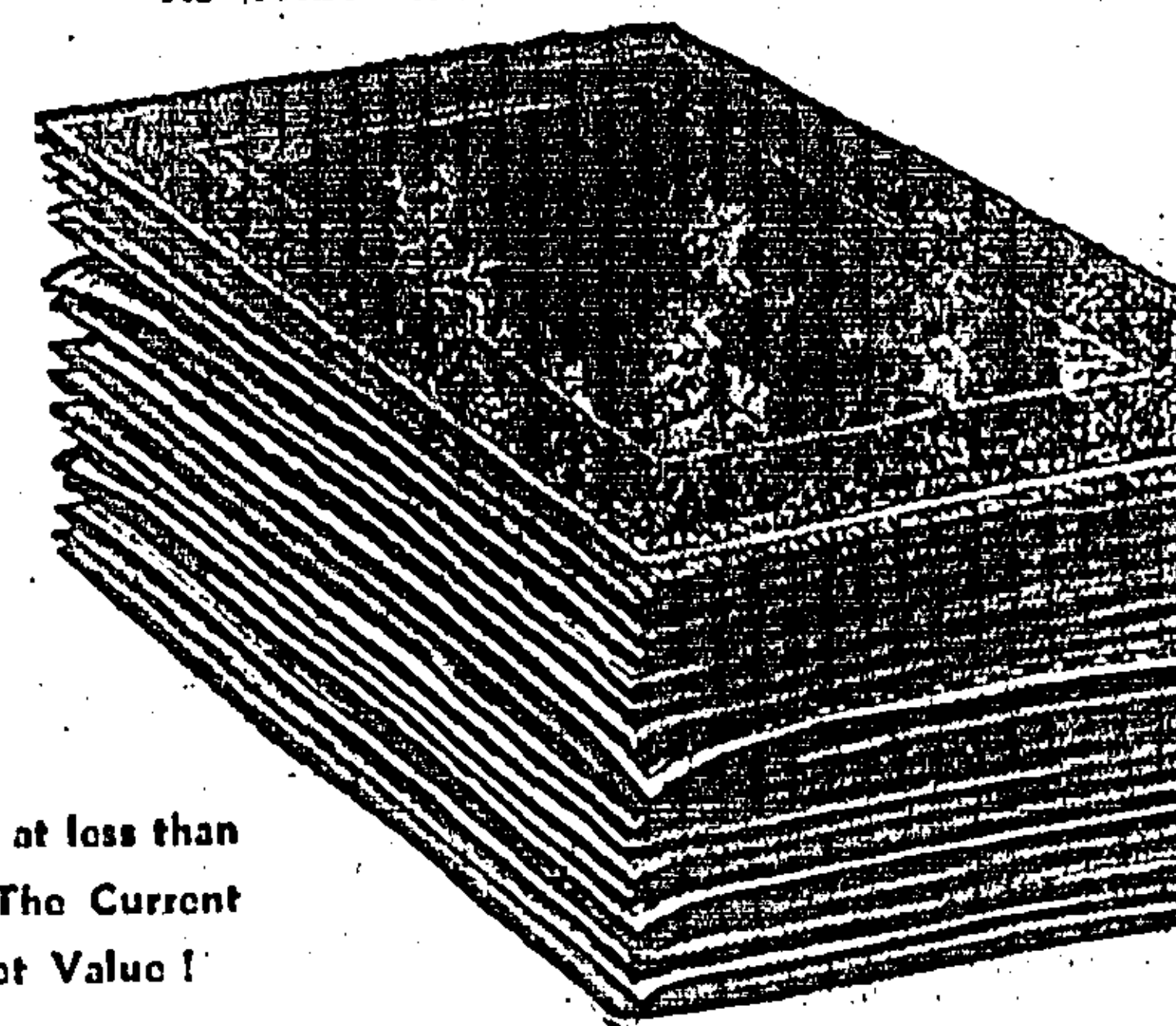
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## A SPECIMEN CASE.

Case No. 1937.

This boy's mother died at his birth early in 1935. His aunt reported and the Society's Inspector repeatedly found signs of his step-mother's cruel treatment. After many warnings the case was referred to the Secretary for Chinese Affairs in January this year and arrangements were made for the child to go to his father's sister in the country.

## HONGKONG SOCIETY FOR THE PROTECTION OF CHILDREN

Hollywood's glowing glamor girl and the dramatic star of "Winterset" in a laugh-a-minute romance.



## NANNING RAID PROTEST

Paris, Jan. 10. Authoritative circles have indicated that it is possible the French Government will protest to Japan with regard to the bombing of the French Catholic Mission during an air raid on Nanning.—Reuter.

## LINDBERGH REWARD DIVIDED

Over 100 Persons Share \$25,000.

Trenton, N.J., Jan. 10. The Governor of New Jersey, Mr. Harold Hoffman, to-day divided the State's \$25,000 reward for the capture of the Lindbergh baby's kidnapper among over 100 persons. The largest share was \$7,500, and went to Walter Lyle, former New York petrol station operator. It was Lyle who identified the note which led to the arrest and ultimate conviction of Richard Bruno Hauptmann, who was executed for the crime.

The second largest share, \$5,000, went to William Allen, a negro truck driver, who discovered the body of the baby.—Reuter.

## Roosevelt Talks About Bigger Navy

Washington, Jan. 10. President F. D. Roosevelt summoned State and Navy Department officials for a further discussion on the proposed supplementary naval building programme.

White House officials state that it will be several days before President Roosevelt sends his expected message to Congress concerning the programme.—Reuter.

## Bomb Plotters Discovered

Paris, Jan. 11. A number of arrests have been made in connection with the bomb outrage of December 9 last when explosions occurred in two headquarters of employers near the Arch of Triumph in Paris resulting in the death of two policemen.

The Surete has discovered the identity of the men involved in the bombing, it is reported.—Reuter.

## NOT MUCH HEADWAY

Budapest, Jan. 11. No communique was issued at the end of yesterday's talks between Austrian, Italian and Hungarian diplomats here.

The general impression seems to be that not much headway was made. It is regarded as fairly certain that neither Austria nor Hungary will leave the League of Nations to join the anti-Comintern pact, which is believed to be Italy's hope in attending the conference.

All Europe is watching developments at Budapest with concern, for it is quite possible that this meeting will be the preliminary to some new political alignment.—Reuter.

## MARK SILVER JUBILEE

Congratulations will be showered upon Mr. and Mrs. P. A. Xavier, two Portuguese residents of the Colony, to-morrow on the occasion of the celebration of their Silver Jubilee.

A prominent member of the Portuguese community, Mr. Xavier has made himself a familiar figure here as managing director of the Hongkong Printing Press Ltd. and also by his many acts of benevolence. He has associated himself with the charitable works of his community, and was formerly a member of the committee of the Club de Recreio and the Liga Portuguesa.

Mr. and Mrs. Xavier intend to spend their Silver Jubilee quietly with a family gathering.

## ITALIAN LABOUR FOR GERMANY

Berlin, Jan. 11. A large number of Italian farm hands, probably 30,000, will be brought to Germany in order to assist German peasants, according to an agreement entered into between the two nations.

There has recently been a noticeable shortage of farm hands in Germany owing to the heavy demands of the four-year plan.

The Italian labourers will be mainly engaged in the cultivation of potatoes, sugar and beans.—Reuter.

A carpenter named Kwong Wah was this morning sent to goal for three weeks by Mr. R. A. D. Forrest at the Central Magistracy for stealing a wrist watch from another carpenter. The charge was admitted.

## LATEST STRATEGY EXPECTED TO REAP RICH REWARD

## Hope To Lure Invaders Into The Interior

Hankow, Jan. 11.

A few weeks ago, or about four months after the beginning of Sino-Japanese hostilities, guerilla warfare tactics were popularly adopted by all troops in China, though they were first only employed by the former communist armies in the Shansi province. Now the general tendency is for the re-organisation of almost all the Chinese national troops and provincial troops into guerilla units.

Generalissimo Chiang Kai-shek has, repeatedly announced that China is sure of eventual victory because she is ready to engage in widespread guerilla warfare with the Japanese when the invaders have been dragged into the vast plains, river valley and mountain ranges of the interior.

Information from all fronts, at present in Shantung, Shansi, Chekiang and central Anhwei, reveals that all commanders in charge of respective fronts have been given the duty of re-organising their troops into guerilla units under the direction of the highest military command.

Admiral Shen Hung-lich, Mayor of Tsingtao, voluntarily gave up his bluejackets into guerilla units to meet the invaders in the Chamsien-Yishui area, south-east of Shantung. General Han Fu-chu, Shantung's Governor, is busy despatching guerilla units to disturb the Japanese rear forces even north of the Yellow River, to say nothing of the Japanese rear forces in the Yenchow and Tsinling districts.

Chinese troops defending central Anhwei, namely the Pengpu and Hefei areas have all been re-organised into guerilla units. Japanese vanguards both on the southern and northern sections of the Tientsin-Pukow railway line are said only to control a narrow belt along the railway. Chinese guerilla troops are immediately outside the "belts" giving the Japanese troops constant harassings. In the same manner Chinese guerilla units are attacking cities near Hangchow and near Tai-yuan. The entire 29th army under

## THE SHANGHAI BLUNDER

General Yeh Chien-yuan, Chief of Staff of the former Red or Eighth Route Army, commented as early as August last that in the present war China should adopt guerilla or mobile tactics instead of positional tactics. He observed that the chief reason for the collapse of the 29th army was their ignorance of mobile tactics. He advocated mobile tactics chiefly on the ground that China lacks effective heavy weapons with which to resist the Japanese bombardments. Long before the Chinese retreat from Shanghai he pointed out the inadvisability of positional tactics by the Chinese defence forces in the Shanghai sector.

In the meantime they had the remarkable fact that in northern Shantung the Eighth Route Army appeared over victorious and furthermore were able to maintain their positions far behind the Japanese lines. As an instance, he said, the former Red guerilla troops were still maintaining their strongholds in northern Shansi. These facts serve as material examples for leading the re-organisation

## SOVIET RAID ON BISHOPS

Twenty-One Arrested, Charged With Espionage

Moscow, Jan. 10.

Twenty-one bishops have been arrested since the end of November, according to the Soviet press.

The most important heads of the Russian Church, including the acting Patriarch and Metropolitan Bishop, Sergei Krutskiy, and Father Vitay, chief of the Soviets' new-fangled "Living Church" are denounced in the newspaper Gorki Commune, and have probably been arrested.

The charges include organising a network of espionage and terrorist circles connected with the Fascist intelligence service.—Reuter.

## SHIPS IN WIRELESS COMMUNICATION

The following ships are expected to be in wireless communication with the wireless station—Pacific, Kiangchow, Durban, Maru, Shabance, Shunlien, Empress of Japan, Potsdam, Andre Lebon, President Garfield, Taiyuan, Haiyang, Shantung.

of other national troops into guerilla forces.

## FOUR GOLDEN RULES

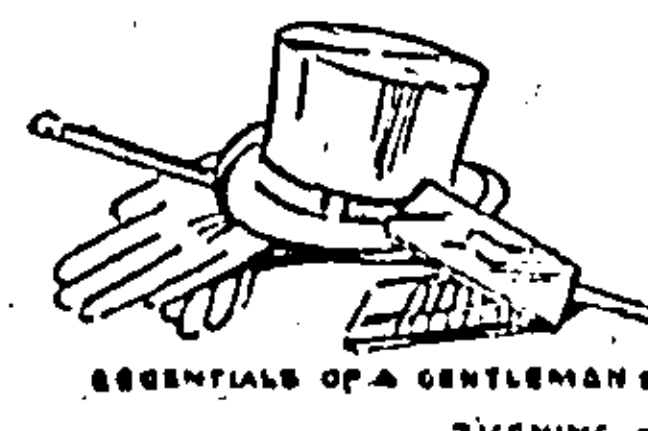
The principles of the guerilla tactics in China are very simple. Guerilla strategists state that the golden rules consist only of four points: firstly that whenever the enemy is coming to retreat, secondly whenever the enemy is stationed anywhere to harass, thirdly whenever the enemy is evasive, to attack, fourthly whenever the enemy is in retreat to drive to kill.

Besides the Government guerilla forces, there are about 20,000 guerilla volunteers drawn from civilians in the Peiping, Tientsin, and Pootung areas. Commander Yang Pao-ming of the guerilla forces around Peiping, because the first unit he commanded last August consisted only of two farmers, two workmen and one ex-serviceman, and they had only one ancient Russian hunting gun and 30 bullets. Yang Pao-ming now has thousands of men in northern Hopen constantly waylaying enemy units, seizing Japanese weapons in surprise attacks and destroying munitions, aeroplanes and tanks.

All the Chinese military authorities and the people believe that the farther the Japanese troops penetrate into China the more dangerous it will be for the Japanese lines of communications and the less chance they will have of victory.—United Press.

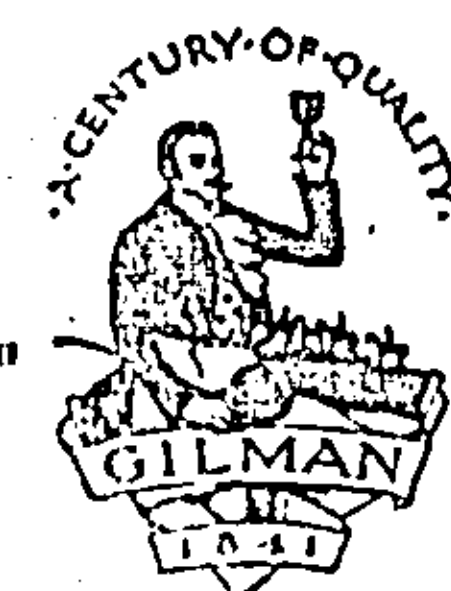
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H.K. Banks, \$1,440 b.  
H.K. Banks, (Lon. Reg.), £857 b.  
Chartered Bank, £12½ n.  
Mercantile Bank, A. and B., £29 n.  
Mercantile Bank, C., £14 n.  
East Asia Bank, £22 n.

**Insurance**  
Canton Ins., \$270 n.  
Union Ins., \$510 n.  
China Underwriters, \$1,50 n.  
H.K. Fire Ins., \$235 n.

**Shipping**  
Douglas, \$51½ b.  
H.K. Steamboats, \$9 n.  
Indo-China (Prof.), \$51 n.  
Indo-China (Def.), \$43 n.  
Shell Bearer, 99¼ n.  
Union Waterboats, \$9,30 n.

**Docks etc.**  
H.K. & W. Wharves, \$114 b.  
H.K. & W. Docks, \$27½ n.  
Providents (old), \$2 b.  
Providents (new), 20 cts. b.  
New Engineering, Sh.—  
Shanghai Docks, Sh.—  
Kallan Mining Adm., 16/0 n.  
Raubs, \$8,10 n.  
Venz, Goldfield, \$5 n.  
Hongkong Mines 10 cts. n.

**Philippine Mining**  
Antamok, P.—  
Atoka, P. 20½ n.  
Baguio Gold, P. 18½ n.  
Benguet Consol., P. 9,60 n.  
Benguet Explor., P.—  
Big Wedge, P.—  
Coco Grove, P. 40 n.  
Consolidated Mines, P. .011  
Demonstrations, P.—  
E. Mindanao, P.—  
Gumasa G'fields, P.—  
Igo Gold, P.—  
I.X.L., P.—  
Itogons, P.—  
Maabato Consols., P.—  
Min. Resources, P.—  
Northern Min., P.—  
Paracale Consol., P. 10 n.  
Salacot Mining, P.—  
San Mauricio, P.—  
Suyoc Consol., P. 10 n.  
United Paracale, P. 4½ n.  
Lands, Hotels, etc.

**Public Utilities**  
H.K. Tramways, \$13,70 L.  
Peak Trams (old), \$7½ s.  
Peak Trams (new), \$3¼ s.  
Star Ferries, \$80 b.  
Yanant Ferries (old), \$24½ n.  
China Light (old), \$10,45 b.  
China Light (new), \$7¼ b.  
H.K. Electric, \$52½ b.  
Macao Electric, 19¼ b.  
Sandakan Lights, \$14½ s.  
Telephone (old), \$28 s.  
Telephone (new), \$8,35 b.  
China Lines, Sh.—  
Singapore Traction, 23/0 n.  
Singapore Pref., 23/- n.

**Industrials**  
Cald. Mack. (old), Sh.—  
Cald. Mack. (Pref.), Sh.—  
Canton Tees, \$1,70 s.  
Cement, \$12,60 b.  
H.K. Ropes, \$3,75 b.

**Stores, &c.**  
Dairy Farm, \$23½ b.  
Watsons, \$4,70 b.  
Lane Crawfords, \$8,00 n.  
Sinceres, \$1,75 n.  
Wing On (H.K.), \$40 n.  
Wm. Powell, 75 cts. n.  
Cotton Mills  
Ewo Cottons, Sh. \$11 n.  
Shai Cottons (old), Sh. \$60 n.  
Zong Sings, Sh.—  
Wing On Textiles, Sh.—  
Miscellaneous  
H.K. Entertainments, \$5¼ n.  
Constructions, \$1½ b.  
Vibro Filling, \$8 n.  
Ch. Govt. 5% 1913 GSBda 74% b.  
H.K. Govt. 4% Loan 8% prm. n.  
H.K. Govt. 3¼% Loan 1¼% prm. b.  
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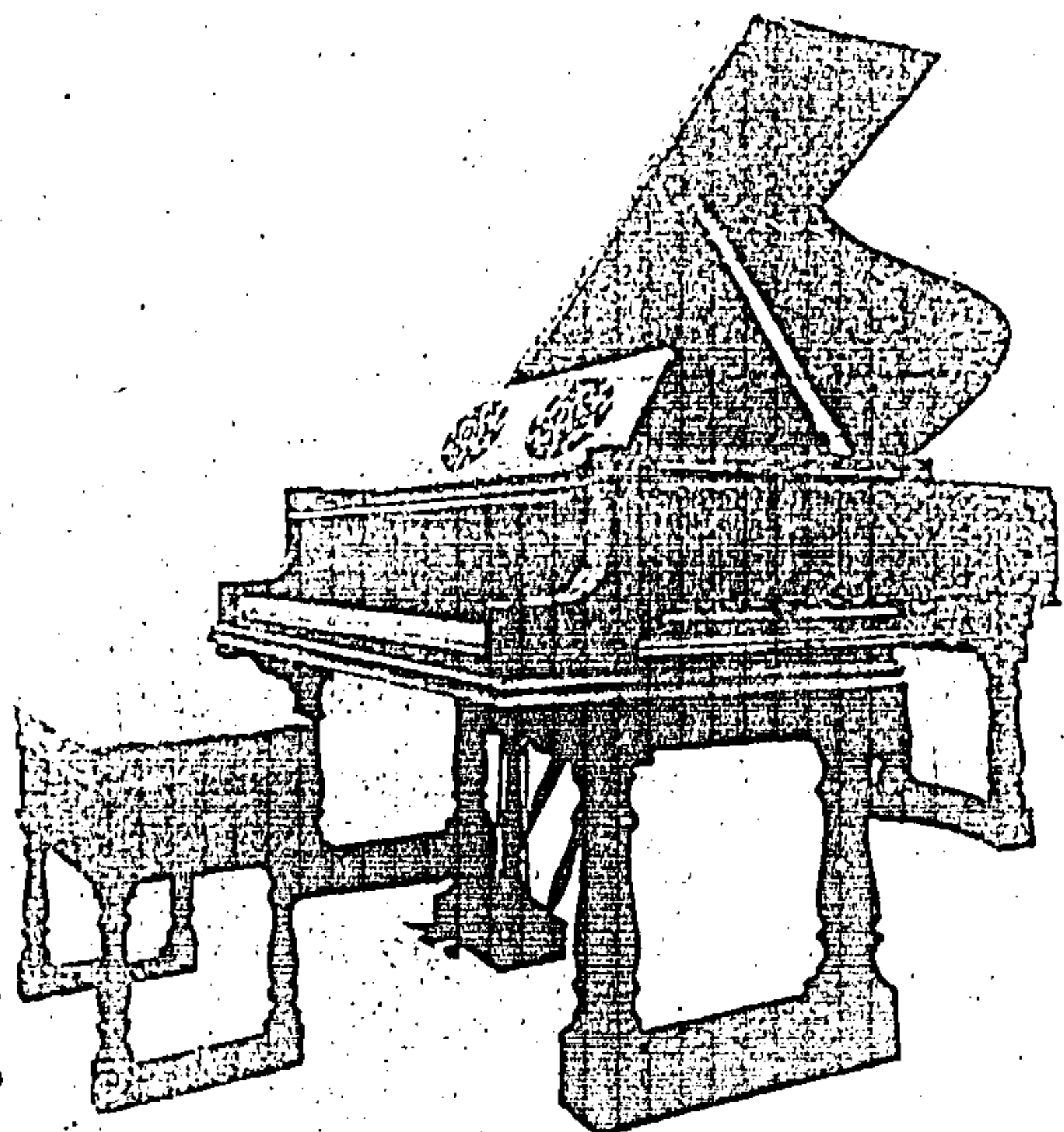
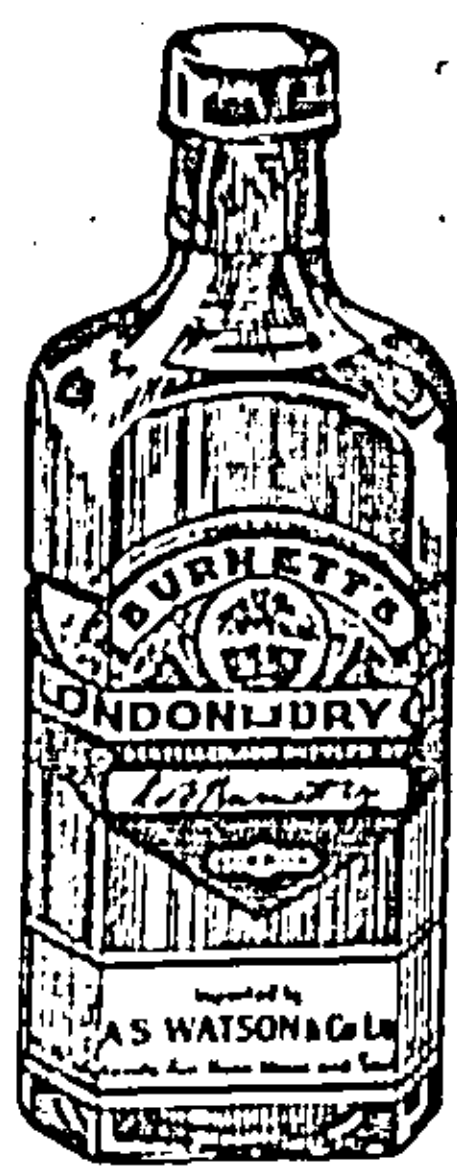
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**The  
Hongkong Telegraph.**

TUESDAY, JANUARY 11, 1938.

### WORKER WONDERS "WHY?"

M. Paul van Zeeland, one-time Belgian Prime Minister, and first-class economist, has been studying world economic ills with a view to suggesting to responsible governments methods for curing the complaints. This will delight the wizards of finance and the worshippers of abstruse economic theories, and will leave the humble worker cold. While the leaders of industry, commerce and finance lick their lips and bare their teeth ready to rend in pieces M. van Zeeland's cure for economic ills, the worker will try to go on working, pausing only to wonder why, in this so-called civilised world, his home and family should be daily threatened by war, unemployment, civil strife, loss of personal freedom, religious persecution, and the rest of the depressing daily concomitants which comprise the "Twentieth Century Blues".

It has long been insisted that intelligent public opinion alone can save democracy. The contribution of the intelligentsia towards the moulding of this opinion has been the presentation of political, social, economic and financial theories, so involved and complex that they severed the ranks of their protagonists and left the worker begging for a statement of faith and action which he can comprehend. The world, having built up its gigantic and bewildering systems, is now defeated by its own creeds, and left floundering in its attempts to discover the solution through national cures, camouflaged in international trappings.

It is quite possible that M. van Zeeland's proposals, when they are made known, will go a very long way towards the alleviation of existing distress. But the more realistically-minded will recall that the World Economic Conference held out just as much hope and

# THESE PLANTS GO MAD



The animal world has some strange creatures, but for monsters take a look at the plant world

## PLANTS

which "go mad" and, sprawling in unpredictable shapes, grow side by side with members of exactly the same botanic group of which the symmetry and colouring are unique in nature; others imitating stones to protect themselves from birds; strange growths prolonging their lives by feeding on themselves; minute vegetable organisms developing at the rate of less than an ounce in 100 years—such are just a few of the marvels of a nursery I have seen at Laidon, Essex.

Its owner is Mr. T. M. Endean and, in a way, he is something of a marvel himself.

His story, covering 50 years of cactus and succulent plant growing, illuminates the progress of a working-class Hackney boy from crippledom and blindness to a position unique in the world of botany.

To-day, towards the end of a life which has been a constant fight with illness, Thomas Endean is still, by practical standards, a poor man, but his greenhouse is a Mecca for botanists from every continent. It is believed to contain the finest general collection of cacti and other succulents in the world. In 1933 this working-man's nursery was the means of re-establishing 37 varieties of succulent plants in their native African habitat from which they had long vanished. They were unknown elsewhere in the world.

was a complete failure. The W.E.C. demanded sacrifices; and so it failed. M. van Zeeland's suggestions will almost certainly involve sacrifices, and if they do they too will be doomed to similar fate. One finds the same story with the disarmament conferences, and obviously one can easily discover the reason for the success of the Ottawa Conference.

Perhaps Mr. H. G. Wells and his "Open Conspiracy" are Utopian, and maybe pacifists are cowards if judged by certain values, but it does seem that both have hit upon a fundamental demand for the creation of a saner, happier world, when they emphasise the need for a restatement of man's relationship with man. This restatement appears to call for the subordination of self in the interests of the masses—in short, sacrifices. Our present-day systems would have no truck with such sentiment, yet until the nations comprehend the vital necessity of this basic creed, our fears, that M. Paul van Zeeland's great efforts will have been made in vain.—S.A.G.

Any preconceived ideas one may have about the cactus and its botanic relatives are quickly upset here.

Three 6-inch spines of the echino cactus emoryi are sufficient to catch a shark, and they are actually used for that purpose by South American natives, who say that an echino hook will hold when a steel hook would break.

On the other hand there are cacti with spines as soft as silk and nearly as fine as gossamer. Climbing over the greenhouse staging is a plant resembling an old-fashioned English Clematis. But it's a cactus all the same and is the only leaved kind known.

Another strange succulent in the Endean collection is an echevaria, 40 years old and 3 inches high, which in its true form is an exact replica of a bishop's mitre, but may just as easily take the shape of a pile of haricot beans—if you can imagine haricot beans with points on them. In this form it is known as a refractory plant, one which has probably "thrown back" to the form of an ancestor. Only rarely can the cactus and succulent grower be sure that

the seeds of a given plant will reproduce the characteristics of the parent form. The new plants may be so fantastically different in outward appearance that only a botanist can ascertain the genus.

And what would you make of a plant the leaves of which only hold to the stem by suction? Such is the crassula compuncta, looking for all the world like a row of buttons threaded on a string. The "buttons" can actually be turned round and round on the stem. There is no direct union, yet they continue to grow.

There are plants which mimic wolves' and tigers' mouths, with canine and feline "teeth."

There is a plant, not a cactus, which so perfectly counterfeits that plant as to be indistinguishable therefrom, except by experts. This is the euphorbia, filled with a milk-like fluid which is deadly poison. Natives employ it on spearheads and arrows.

Enthusiasts for cacti and succulent plants divide their attractions under four heads—quaintness of form, symmetry of form, beauty of flower, beauty of foliage.

The loveliest flowers are those whose life is briefest; and how lovely and how brief may be judged by the cactus family, on which one single perfect annual bloom—with petals like a glowing silk fringe, appears for seven hours only. At seven in the evening it is opened; by two in the morning it is gone. This flower grows on an eight-foot plant.

At the other extreme I saw succulent plants no bigger than peas, throwing up violet coloured blooms, an inch across on 2-inch stalks, and these remain in bloom for a fortnight.

But it is in foliage that the succulent plant is unchallengeably supreme. The best specimens in the Endean collection are breath-stopping in their perfection of pure form and colour harmony.

Light, playing on the natural wax coating of the plant, produces infinite gradations of radiant metallic colour, running alike through tall tongue-like leaves or miniature rosettes, according to the nature of the plant, and changing subtly in every inch of surface.

In this section nature takes up the challenge of art and beats it by a mile. I commend it to the attention of modern interior decorators.

To what great age will a succulent grow? No one knows. There is a plant at Laidon—the anacampsis ustulata—which is 3-inches high and 100 years old; and still it grows. It weighs perhaps an ounce.

There is a cactus, needing two men to lift it, 130 years old. And there is a leuchtenbergia, one of the few in the world, which was old when Shakespeare died, which may have been growing on a South American bank in the days of the Incas, which still blooms . . . 500 years, Mr. Endean moderately computes, are compressed into the 3½-inch height of its base, to which each new spike thrown up at the crown eventually adds a layer of tissue-paper thickness. Each spike—five appear a year—takes twenty to thirty years to die.

"Do you wonder," asked my pain-racked remarkable guide, "that I have given my life to my plants?"

**Stanley Baron.**

## THE GAME OF YOUTH

Beauty at the Neckline

THE most interesting game all women play to-day is the game of youth.

There are many, however, who are playing it in a haphazard manner which gives them away as amateurs who have not mastered all the rules. A few of these they know and observe faithfully; others they seem to regard as unimportant, but they console themselves with the thought that in spite of their slipshod manner, they will be regarded as quite good players.

In short, too many women are playing this great game with their faces only, and while a well-cared-for and well-made-up complexion, curling lashes, a firm contour and the complete absence of wrinkles may carry them triumphantly through the early rounds, the day is not too far distant when the major faults of their play will be obvious, for the necks they have given scant attention to while they gave unremitting care to their faces, will break the spell of illusion.

It is extraordinary, yet an undisputed fact that very few necks and faces really match.

#### Regular Attention

A great many women never give their necks any regular attention with skin-food or massage, with the result, a neglected appearance. The appearance is particularly evident during those months of the year when fur and heavy coats are worn, but it is wise to make a habit of applying a bleaching pack to your neck at regular intervals throughout the year.

These can be purchased already made up in a tube, and twice a week is not too often to apply, especially so if the contrast between neck and face is so obvious. First, open the small towel in hot water, and hold this round your neck for a minute or two, then spread the bleaching paste on freely and leave till it sets dry and firm. Then, rinse off with hot water, using only upward strokes,

at the same time work in a good cold cream, still employing the upward movement with your finger-tips.

Frequent treatment with a suitable oil is good for those necks which have been badly neglected, and in consequence have developed scraggy contours. A teaspoonful of pure olive oil added to the daily diet is good when this can be taken. Massage with warmed almond oil is excellent treatment for a thin and wrinkled neck. Steam the neck before commencing treatment, and work the oil gently with firm upward movements. Finish off by sponging with very cold water to which the juice of a lemon has been added.

#### Simple Exercises

Every woman who takes a pride in her appearance and wants to keep a firm and supple neckline must devote a few minutes every day to these simple exercises. A good one is to throw the head backwards, then bring it forward until the chin touches the chest.

Another is to make the neck take the whole strain of the movement without any assistance from the shoulders. Each day, look over your shoulder a dozen times, without moving your body in any way; this must be done slowly and deliberately.

If your neck has a crepe-like skin you need a good tissue building oil, and this must be massaged gently in, at least, twice a day whenever possible—circular massage movements.

A few minutes massage with a good quality skin-food every night along with the simple head-turning exercises given above, done regularly will bring your neglected neck into a condition matching the school girl complexion of your well-cared-for face. Take care to work all cream into your skin, any that is not absorbed must be carefully removed, for unless your skin is allowed to breathe freely it will inevitably take on a dull lifeless look, then all your regular exercises and massage treatment will have gone for nothing.

C. R.



# Virtual Isolation Of Hongkong Predicted

## JAPAN EXPECTS SOUTH CHINA INVASION

### Imperial Conference Will Decide To-day

Tokyo, Jan. 11.

Details of the future Japanese policy in China have not been revealed, while plans were yesterday completed for convening an Imperial conference at 2 p.m. to-day.

In Tokyo it is believed that serious matters are to be discussed. Some are convinced that the conference will deal with peace terms to be offered to China: others are certain that Japan plans to sweep South China and to capture the Canton area, virtually isolating Hongkong. There are many other surmises, but positive information is lacking.

The Imperial conference is the fifth of its kind in the history of Japan. The first two were held during the Sino-Japanese war of 1894, the third during the Russo-Japanese war, and the fourth in 1914, when Japan declared war on Germany.

The conference is expected to act speedily with regard to the various problems, and to announce its decisions immediately. Meanwhile, apparently every Government department is pledged to secrecy.

According to one prominent opinion the conference will decide to indulge in relentless warfare in the event of China failing completely to accept the Japanese terms, with the intention of continuing the hostilities until the Nanking faction is out of the picture and the Peiping Government recognized and supported, financially and otherwise.

The conference will be a solemn affair, at which the Emperor will preside personally.—United Press.

#### Peace Talks Rumour

Tokyo, Jan. 11.

Peace talk rumours have been revived by the German Ambassador, Herr von Dirksen, calling on Mr. Hirota, for what is described as an important conversation.

Meanwhile, it is understood, the Cabinet is contemplating the recall of Mr. Shigeru Kawaguchi, the Japanese Ambassador from Shanghai in conformity with its policy to exterminate the anti-Japanese regime.

An Imperial conference has been convened for to-day to be attended by the Emperor for the first time during the present Emperor's reign.—Reuter.

#### Aim of Conference

Tokyo, Jan. 11.

The Premier, Prince Konoé, obtained the Emperor's sanction for the opening of the very important Imperial conference in the presence of the Emperor at the Imperial Palace yesterday afternoon.

The conference is "designed to carry out the Government's Chinese policies to meet the new situation."—Reuter.

#### Conference To Confirm Policy Decisions

Tokyo, Jan. 11.

Following the Imperial conference to-day, the Japanese Government is likely to issue an important statement.

It is understood that the conference will take place at 2 p.m. to-day to confirm the decision reached by the emergency Cabinet meeting yesterday afternoon regarding Japan's fundamental policy vis-a-vis the China situation.

Yesterday's emergency meeting of the Cabinet re-affirmed the decision reached at yesterday's joint conference between the Cabinet and Imperial Headquarters and also at the Cabinet meeting which followed the conference.

It is understood that the decision lays down that the Government pursue a vigorous policy to eradicate the anti-Japanese regime in China, unless Generalissimo Chiang Kai-shek and his administration manifest and reconsider action with sincerity. The Imperial conference is being held at the Imperial Palace in the presence of the Emperor and attended by Prince Kanin, Chief of the

## TSINGTAO OCCUPIED WITHOUT STRUGGLE

### Germans Inform Japanese City Not Defended

When the Japanese took over Tsingtao yesterday, they were met by a German delegation comprising Herr W. Olfelt, Herr P. Hess and Herr F. Navert, who encountered the Japanese marines about 400 strong 15 miles from the city. They informed the Japanese that Tsingtao was not defended and escorted them to the city.

Immediately on entering the Japanese marines posted patrols, while the Japanese Consul, Mr. Otake waited on board a Japanese warship until arrangements had been completed for him to go ashore and to take up his post.

The first Japanese officer to arrive in Tsingtao was Miyamoto, resident naval officer, who chatted for half an hour in the City Government building with members of the foreign volunteers. He carried a Japanese flag and soon afterwards a motor car arrived filled with Japanese flags which were hoisted on various buildings throughout the city.—Reuter.

#### JAPANESE THANK FOREIGNERS

Tsingtao, Jan. 11.

Mr. A. R. Hogg, a Briton in command of the foreign volunteers, and members of his staff went to the German Club where they found Captain Shirashi and Major Negishi, who had been in the city since the Japanese took over.

Captain Shirashi said in Japanese: "The Japanese navy arrived here and feels much obliged to the different nations in Tsingtao for taking care of the city for the time being. We intend to negotiate with the highest Chinese authorities here."

Mr. Hogg responded suitably. Signalling the Japanese occupation of Tsingtao, a Japanese flag was hoisted over the castle-like Municipal Building at 2.30 p.m. yesterday. Many Chinese carrying Japanese flags were present when the foreign volunteers formally handed over the maintenance of the city and order to the Japanese at 4.30 p.m.—Reuter.

## PRESIDENT'S SON DIES IN AIR CRASH

### URUGUAY TRAGEDY

Buenos Aires, Jan. 10. Eduardo Justo, aged 27, youngest son of the President of Argentina, was killed during a storm over Uruguay.

The rest of the dead were army officers, including the Chief of the Military and Household and the President's A.D.C. The party was returning from a meeting between the Presidents of Brazil and Argentina. The plane caught on fire after the crash.—Reuter.

#### DEATH ROLL NOW NINE

Buenos Aires, Jan. 10. It is now officially confirmed that all nine persons aboard the plane were killed.—United Press.

## STORM BLOWS FROM CANADA

Vancouver, Jan. 10. The storm centre in Alberta and Saskatchewan has moved southward carrying snow and colder weather into the north central United States which suffered the winter's most extreme temperature during the week-end.

Waukegan, Wisconsin, was 20 below zero, Iowa Falls, 10 below, Sioux City eight below, Des Moines four below, Madison, Wis., was four degrees above and Chicago, the Windy City, was 20 degrees above.

Temperatures are nearly normal in the Pacific, Atlantic and southern areas.—United Press.

## SHOP-LIFTER CAUGHT

A roll of woollen cloth, valued at \$62, stolen from the Whiteaway, Laidlaw and Co. by Wong Fui Wong was stopped at the entrance by the Indian watchman and the cloth was found hidden under his over coat.

Before Mr. R. Edwards at the Central Magistracy this morning, Wong said that he came from Shanghai to look for a friend, and was unable to locate him, with no money to return to Shanghai he was forced to commit the theft.

Det. Sergeant Feely prosecuted, stated that \$10 was found in defendant's possession. A fine of \$25, with the alternative of a month's imprisonment was imposed.

## HONGKONG MAY BE MENACED

### German Newspaper Says Britain Armed Too Late

Berlin, Jan. 11.

The Japanese occupation of Tsingtao has made a deep impression in Berlin, particularly in view of the fact that the seaport was once a German colonial possession.

Political circles are wondering whether this occupation will be a prelude to far-reaching and decisive action by the Japanese fleet, which may involve a menace to Hongkong.

The newspaper Angriff says: "Will the British watch with folded arms the loss of the tremendously important regions around Hongkong? That is the most critical question in international politics to-day."

"Great Britain," the newspaper continues, "has come too late. America's has come still later," this newspaper asserts.—Reuter.

#### NO COMMENT IN U.S.

Washington, Jan. 10.

The State Department does not comment on the occupation of Tsingtao by the Japanese except to observe that Americans in Shanghai in recent weeks have been urged frequently to evacuate.

However, unofficially, the opinion is growing that Japan faces a long struggle in China if China attempts to hold out.

The critical Evening Star in an editorial says: "China is plainly set for a long haul, to which she has been persuaded despite the specter of suffering, it entails. Sooner or later it will bring her triumph. Her fortitude commands world admiration."

The paper adds that Japan herself realises and anticipates a grinding task ahead of the army, as indicated by Prince Konoé's plans for a four-year campaign in China.—United Press.

## 700,000 To Boycott Japan Goods

### Important Decision By London Body

London, Jan. 10.

In connection with the London Co-operative Society's decision to boycott Japanese goods, it is pointed out that the Society's buyers had previously instructed not to purchase Japanese goods when alternatives were available.

The new decision rules out all Japanese purchases except those specifically authorised by the managing committee of the Society.

The London Co-operative Society, representing 700,000 members decided to cease purchasing Japanese goods as a result of representations from many quarters. It also draws attention to the fact that the Co-operative Wholesale Society, representing 1,000,000 members, is being asked to take similar action.

"We are distressed at the indiscriminate bombings of Chinese women and children, and have addressed Mr. Anthony Eden, Lord Cranborne and Geneva, voicing our indignation," says the notice.—Reuter.

#### TRADE UNIONS UNDECIDED

London, Jan. 11.

The meeting of the leaders of the Trade Union Congress reached no definite decision regarding the question of an official embargo on Japanese goods, but it was decided to refer the attitude and views of the Labour Movement to Continental Labour and trade union leaders at a meeting in Brussels on January 15. This is a joint international meeting.

It depends that everything will depend upon the attitude of the Continental labourers.—Reuter.

## Fresh Weather To Continue

Weather Outlook: Fresh northerly winds, and generally fine. Rough weather along the coast from Shanghai to Singapore.

Only seven degrees separated the maximum and minimum temperatures recorded at the Royal Observatory for the 24 hours ended 10 a.m. to-day.

The minimum of 50 degrees recorded in the early hours of this morning was four degrees higher than the minimum recorded yesterday. Humidity, as well as temperature, is also slightly higher, although it is still more than 20 per cent. lower than the humidity recorded last week.

No rainfall has been recorded in Hongkong since January 5.

## RADIO BROADCAST

### 'London Pride' and Other Relays from London

#### ROTARY SPEECH

Radio Programme Broadcast by Z.B.W. on Frequencies of 945 k.c.s. 9.52 m.c.s. per second.

6.00-7.00 Chinese Programme.  
7.00 Dance Music.  
7.05 Fox-Trots—Let's Put Our Heads Together (Film 'Gold Diggers of 1937'); With Plenty of Money and You (Film 'Gold Diggers of 1937'); Roy Fox and His Orchestra; Sweet Lullaby (Film 'Walkie Wedding'); The Merry-Go-Round Broke Down; Billy Cotton and His Band; I Saw a Ship A-Sailing; Brian Lawrence and His Orchestra.

7.15 Closing local Stock Quotations and Hongkong Exchange Market Report.

7.20 London Relay—'All Kinds of People'—1.

'My Memories of the Tsar Nicholas II at his Coronation' A talk by Colonel E. St. C. Pemberton.

7.35 Variety.

Vocal—Look Up and Laugh—Medley; Film Waltz Songs—Medley; Gracie Fields with Organ Accompaniment; Vocal and Instrumental—Blaze Away (Kennedy and Holmann); Many Happy Returns of the Day (Dublin and Burke); Eddie Peabody (Vocal) playing various instruments; Canadian—You Can't Go Away Like That (Miller); Weeping Willow (Miller); Max Miller; Novelty—Blazin' The Trail (Samuels, Whitcup and Powell); Twilight on the Trail (Film 'The Trail of the Lonesome Pine'); The Hill Billies.

8.00 Local Time Signal, Weather Report and Announcements.

8.05 Variety continued.

Vocal—Blue Bird in Your Heart (Sam Coslow); The Very Thought of You (Ray Noble); Sam Coslow (Tenor); Piano-Accordion Band—Au Revoir (J. G. Gilbert); A Waltz Was Born in Vienna (Crocker and Loewe); London Piano-Accordion Band.

8.15 London Relay—'London Pride'.

A Programme in praise of London compiled from the tributes of visitors through the centuries. Devised and written by D. F. Aitken. Produced by Pascoe Thornton.

8.55 A Short Concert by Claudia Muzio (Soprano) and Casals (Cello). La Bohème—Yes, They Call Me Mimi (Puccini); Cavalleria Rusticana—Mother, you know the story (Mascagni); Claudia Muzio; Moment Musical (Schubert); Le Cygne (Saint-Saens); Apres Un Reve (Faure); Chanson Villageoise (Popper—Op. 62, No. 2); Casals.

9.15 London Relay—Robb Wilton as Mr. Middlecombe, J. P. in 'The Court of Not-So-Common, Please!'

Written by Robb Wilton on an original idea by Barry Bernard Presented by Max Kester.

9.30 London Relay—The News.

9.50 Beethoven—Symphony No. 4 in B Flat, Op. 60.

Felix Weingartner cond. the London Philharmonic Orchestra.

10.15 Songs by Jussi Björling.

'Aida' (Verdi)—Heavenly Aida, divine Aida; 'La Bohème' (Puccini)—Your tiny hand is frozen.

10.28 Light Variety Concert. Orchestra—Fueho Digo (Pesenti); O Cara Mia (Broadbent, arr. Payer); A. J. Pesenti and His Orchestra; Vocal—I'm in the Mood for Love (McHugh, Fields); I Wish On The Moon (Rainer, Parker); Lanny Ross; Orchestra—Rise And Shine—Selection; Sydney Kaye and His Selection; Vocal—Swing (Film 'Public Nuisance No. 1'); Me And My Dog (Film 'Public Nuisance No. 1'); Frances Day (Soprano); Orchestra—What's Yours?—A Convivial Medley (arr. Debroy Somers) (Vocal Chorus).

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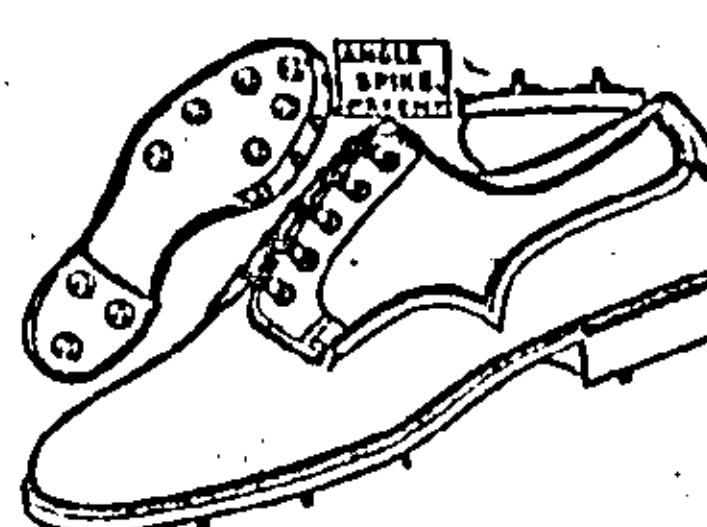
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## HUNTING FIELD DEATH OF SPORTING PEER

London, Jan. 10.

The 83-year-old Marquis of Abergavenny, Lord Henry Nevill, was killed whilst out hunting to-day near Groombridge, Sussex.

He was participating in the Children's Meet at the famous Eridge Hunt, when his horse caught a foot in a strand of wire and threw the Marquis heavily on his head, breaking his neck.

The Marquis had been married three times, and he leaves no son, the title going to Major Guy Temple Montacute Lanarch-Nevill, his ne-

phew.—Reuter.

The country seat of the Abergavenny's is Eridge Castle, set in the picturesque surroundings of the Sussex village of Eridge, near Tunbridge Wells. The estate comprises 50,000 acres, and the Eridge Hunt, of which the Marquis was M.F.H., was one of the best known in the South of England.



# MANY FIRST DIVISION TEAMS MEET IN F. A. CUP

## WOLVES CLASH WITH ARSENAL

London, Jan. 10. Several First Division teams will be in opposition in the fourth round of the F. A. Cup, the draw of which was made to-day. The matches will be played on January 22.

Preston North End will be at home to Leicester, Brentford to Portsmouth, Charlton to Leeds, Wolves to Arsenal and Everton to Sunderland.

The only senior team to have been drawn at home to a lower division side is Huddersfield, which will meet Notts County.

The following is the result of the draw:

### F. A. CUP

(Fourth Round)

Preston N.E.	v. Leicester
Scarborough	v. Grimsby or
Luton	v. Swindon
Huddersfield	v. Notts County
Notts Forest	v. Middlesbrough
York	v. West Brom.
Brentford	v. Portsmouth
Charlton	v. Leeds
Wolves	v. Arsenal
Aston Villa	v. Blackpool
Sheffield U.	v. Crystal Pal. or
Liverpool	v. Tottenham
New Brighton	v. Southampton
Everton	v. Sheffield
Bradford C. or	v. Wednesday or
Chesham	v. Burnley
Bradford	v. Stoke
Millwall	v. Bury
Manchester C.	v. Manchester
Southend	v. United
Barnsley	v. —

—Reuter.

## Racing Impossible As Business

### Trainer Gives His Views

London, Dec. 10. Mr. Stanley Wootton, famous racing trainer, recently appointed a magistrate at Epsom, explained yesterday why he has decided to cut down his stable to only a few horses, down his stable to only a few horses, down his stable to only a few horses.

"I have come to the conclusion that racing as a business is impossible. The costs are enormous, even when racing on the most modest lines," he said.

"Something drastic will need to be done by those who control the sport if more and more of the smaller owners are not squeezed out."

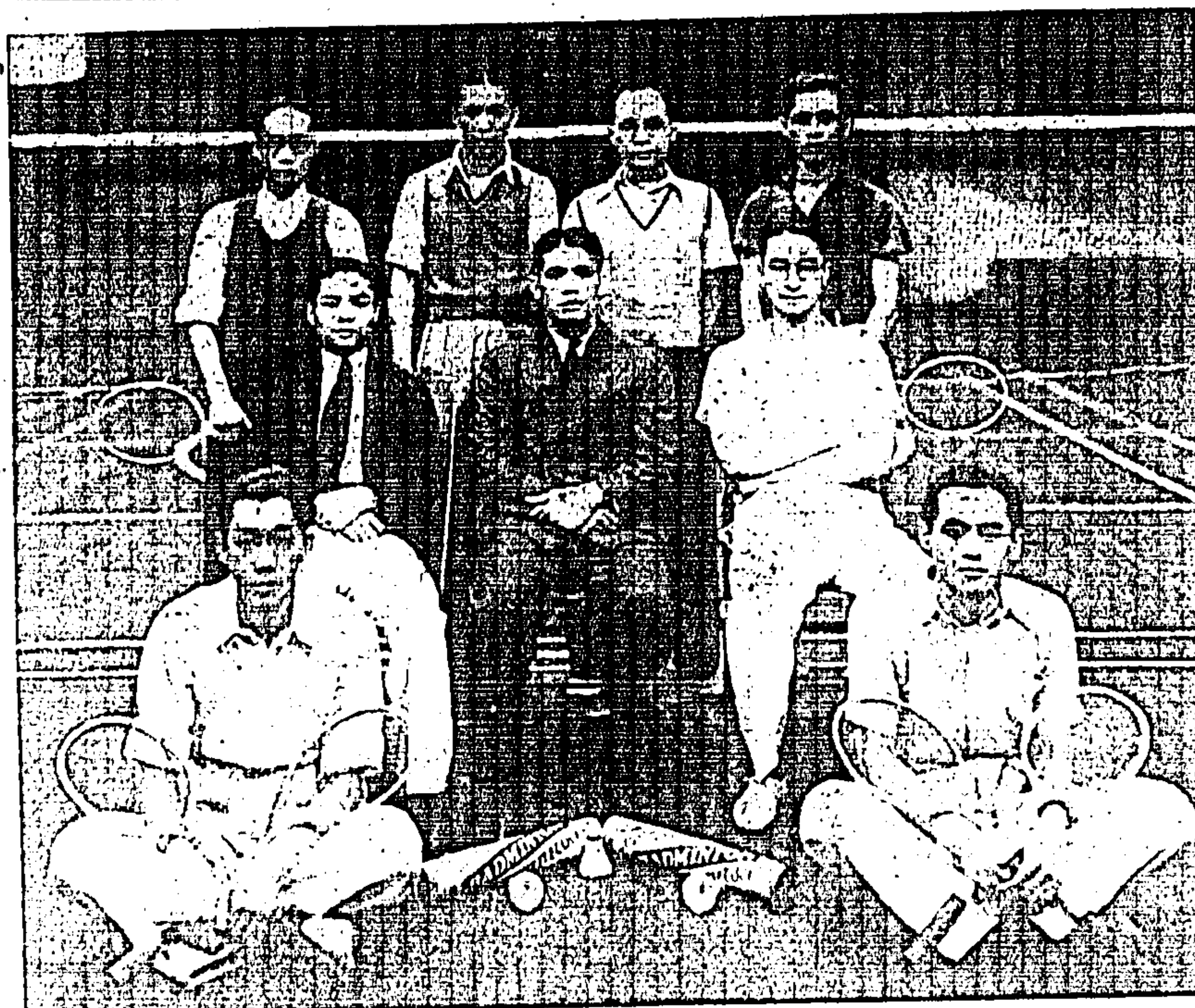
"Men like Sir Hugh Cunliffe-Owen, one of the cleverest business brains in the world, made his money out of tobacco. He treated racing as his hobby."

### SEASON'S PROFIT

"So did the late Lord Dewar and Woolavington, who found the wherewithal to carry on in whisky. Look around and you will find that most of our leading owners are big industrialists or have gained wealth from some source quite outside racing."

"One well-known non-betting man who headed the list of winning owners some years ago with an enormous total assured me that his profit on the season was only £2,000."

"The great majority of owners to-day could not carry on without successful betting."



Members of the Chinese Y.M.C.A. badminton team, participating in the "A" Division of the League. Seated on the right in the middle row is Patrick Wong, the singles champion of the Colony. In the back row, second from the right is C. E. Ching who, with Wong, won the doubles championship.—Photo: Ming Yuen.

## RECREIO "A" FORGES FURTHER AHEAD

### ST. ANDREW'S BEATEN IN BADMINTON LEAGUE

Scoring a 7-2 victory over St. Andrew's last evening, the Club de Recreio "A" have assumed undisputed leadership in the "A" Division of the Men's Badminton League. They now have ten points from five matches, two points ahead of the Chinese Y.M.C.A., who have played the same number of matches.

The University "A", who have won three of their four matches, were down to meet the Club de Recreio "B" last night but the latter conceded them a walk-over and the undergraduates thus remain in the running for the championship, also with eight points.

For the Club de Recreio "A" yesterday, L. A. Carvalho and A. M. Silva were in magnificent form. Playing well together, they made short work of the St. Andrew's pair, winning easily by 21-5, 21-9 and 21-10. They were never extended, not even by W. C. Choy and H. Kew. As expected, M. A. Oliveira and J. Remedios, one of the soundest pairs in the Colony, won their three games. They were far too well-equipped in their strokes to be in danger of going down to any of the opposing pairs.

The third string, H. A. Alves and H. A. Barros, did not fare so well as the other two combinations, losing two of their three games. They were outplayed by Choy and Kew but only just lost to F. A. Broadbridge and F. V. Wong.

King's College kept within the top half of the table by beating the University "B", for whom C. H. Soon, a member of the "A" team last year, turned out. K. H. Lo and W. C. Chung were the weakest King's pair and were responsible for dropping the only two games which the side conceded.

### KING'S COLLEGE v. UNIVERSITY "A"

King's College defeated University "B" 7-2. S. P. Chan and H. N. Chung (King's) beat C. E. Heng and M. S. Lim 21-9; beat C. H. Soon and A. K. Pang 21-0; beat K. H. Lo and W. C. Chung 21-0. King's College 7, University "B" 2.

### RECREIO v. ST. ANDREW'S

Club de Recreio "A" beat St. Andrew's 7-2. L. A. Carvalho and A. M. Silva (Recreio) beat E. F. Finch and A. S. Bliss 21-5, 21-9 and 21-10.

21-9; beat W. C. Choy and H. Kew 21-10; beat F. A. Broadbridge and F. V. Wong 21-5.

M. A. Oliveira and J. Remedios beat Finch and Bliss 21-7; beat Choy and Kew 21-12; beat Broadbridge and Wong 21-15. H. A. Alves and H. A. Barros beat Finch and Bliss 21-11; lost to Choy and Kew 13-21; lost to Broadbridge and Wong 22-23.

### LEAGUE TABLE

	P.	W.	L.	D.	F.A.	Pts.
Recreio "A"	5	5	0	0	39	6
University "A"	5	4	1	0	38	7
Chinese "Y"	5	4	1	0	31	14
King's College	5	3	2	0	22	23
University "B"	6	1	5	0	15	9
Recreio "B"	6	1	5	0	14	10
St. Andrew's	6	1	5	0	12	12

### "B" DIVISION

### St. Andrew's Increasing Its Lead

St. Andrew's put up a good fight against St. John's, the present leaders of the "B" Division League, when the teams met last evening but the home team were unable to avoid defeat by the odd game. Scores:

### ST. JOHN'S v. ST. ANDREW'S

St. John's beat St. Andrew's 5-4 in the "B" Division. G. A. Smith and A. Keown (St. John's) beat L. E. Kirby and J. P. Dawson 21-14; lost to M. Well and F. H. Stokes 16-21; beat Broadbridge and W. Knox 21-0. P. Wilson and F. Neumann lost to Kirby and Dawson 14-21; lost to Well and Stokes 20-22; lost to Broadbridge and Knox 12-21.

F. H. Kwok and A. J. Bennett beat Kirby and Dawson 21-12; beat Well and Stokes 21-11; beat Broadbridge and Knox 21-7.

### LEAGUE TABLE

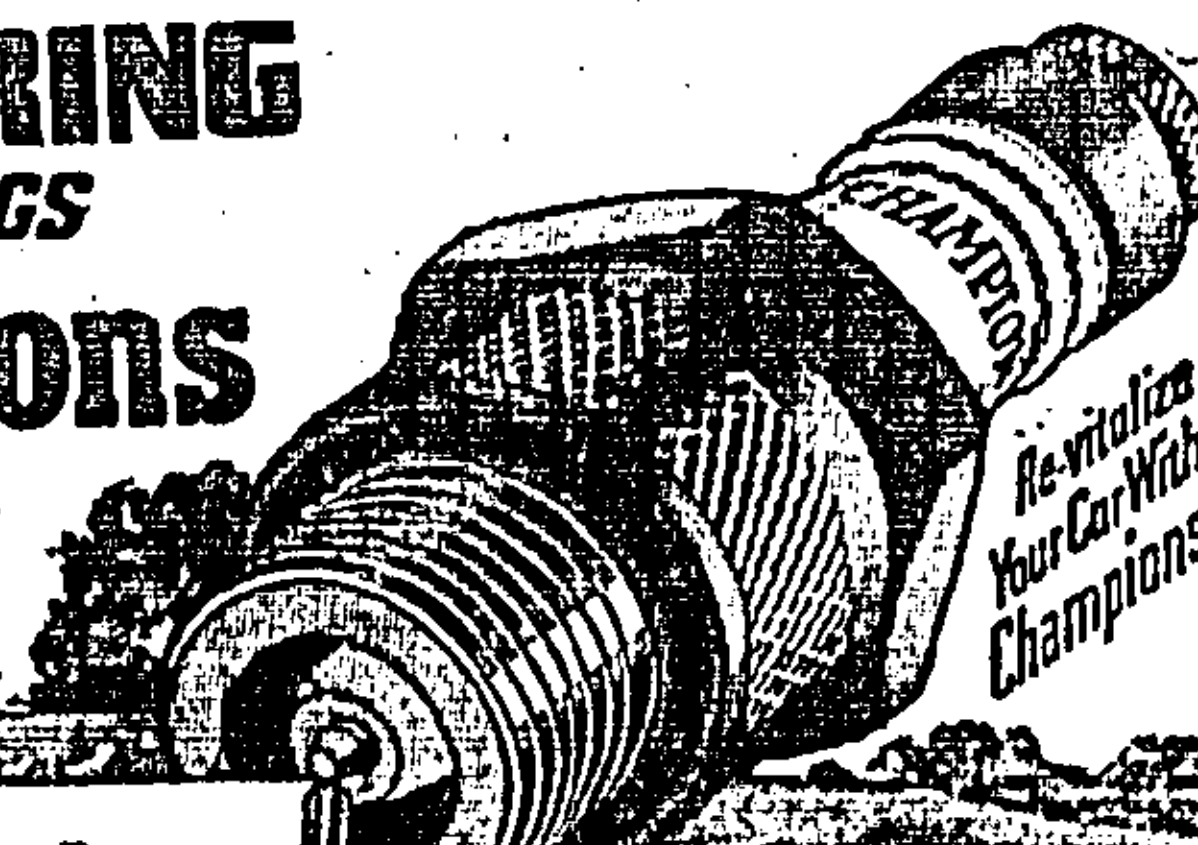
	P.	W.	L.	D.	F.A.	Pts.
St. John's	6	5	1	0	34	10
Kowloon Tong	5	3	2	0	30	15
C.T.C.	5	3	2	0	29	17
Free Lancers	4	2	2	0	12	24
Recreio "C"	4	1	3	0	16	20
St. Andrew's	4	0	4	0	6	30

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### Cricket Notes

## UNKNOWN TALENT IN THE FLEET

### Navy's Excellent Show Against Hongkong C. C.

(By "R. Abbit")

In view of the great difficulties with which the Navy were faced, I was particularly glad to see the excellent show they made against a useful team of the Club on Saturday last. I have always maintained that there is a lot of talent going about in the Fleet that does not get dug up until an emergency occurs.

With the bat I see that the two gentlemen, whom I had tipped to carry the baby, actually made 100 runs out of the 147 for eight which were upon the score-board when stumps were drawn, but if none of the others got runs on Saturday they fielded excellently and Marsh struck me as bowling quite well. Eleven overs for 31 runs and 3 wickets is by no means bad considering he got Hayward, T. E. Pearce and Haynes. As a matter of fact, just for a time things looked awfully for the Club but Allen hit very hard and though he only got three runs, Woodhouse (Hongkong papers please copy spelling) captured wickets for some time until things looked pretty safe. As a matter of fact he was stumped rather unfortunately as far as I could see for the ball seemed to come back from the wicket-keeper's pads. The Club actually had two more quite good batsmen to go in besides the not out Baines, but one incident undoubtedly affected the scoring in connection with the time.

Actually I am told the Club declared at 4 o'clock with 161 runs, but of these more than 20 were made very quickly in the last couple of overs after Allen had actually been bowled. It is possibly owing to the position Waymouth takes up behind the stumps that the ball very often comes back from his pads into the wicket. An incident like this happened in the triangular Tournament in that case, and in the one of which I am speaking the wicket was broken as the ball passed it and then it was hit a second time on the rebound. In this case the Umpire did not consider this had happened though both the wicket-keeper and the square leg umpire (who of course could say nothing) were asked by the Club to say that the man was bowled. It might have taken much longer to get those quick runs at the end with the new batsmen. Nothing slows down the scoring so much as wickets going down.

The Navy too were pretty lucky to find both their batsmen in form—I was rather surprised to see that both Woodhouse and Alec Pearce were put on to bowl before J. Pearce, who only sent down three overs for 10 runs and Whitmarsh's wicket. The Navy at that time were going for the runs but Hayward had not hesitated to take the risk in a much closer game a week before, and I should have thought he might have bowled him a bit more this time. However, there may be reasons of which I know nothing.

### INTERESTING ARMY GAME

The game between the Army and K.C.C. was an excellent one to watch. I only arrived in time to see the Army bat, but I am told that Ernie Fincher played an excellent



Ernie Fincher  
He played an excellent knock.

knock. They were however a little long in making their 104 for 9 wickets declared. For the Army, by far the most interesting innings was that of Major Rawstone who made about as many runs as the number of different ways in which his name has been spelt in the local papers. He went in at the time when it seemed almost impossible that the Army should get runs but by beautiful forcing cricket with the aid of Chiverrall it looked at one time as if K.C.C. would be beaten. The feature of Rawstone's innings was his off driving in which he played a beautiful free swing and beat the ball tremendously hard without the slightest apparent effort. His two straight sixes were magnificent strokes played without much apparent effort and would have gone out of most grounds. However, when Lloyd went on the second time both he and Chiverrall went in the slips within about six balls of each other and when Godby was very well caught and bowled by Robert Lee the Army had to give up all idea of getting the runs, though Cheney hit some gallant fours in the last two overs. It was a most interesting match to watch though extremely cold. The Army seem to be shaking down into a useful side and it is a great pity that the departure of Seaforth is going to make them start all over again. I will deal with the remainder of the games in my Friday's article.

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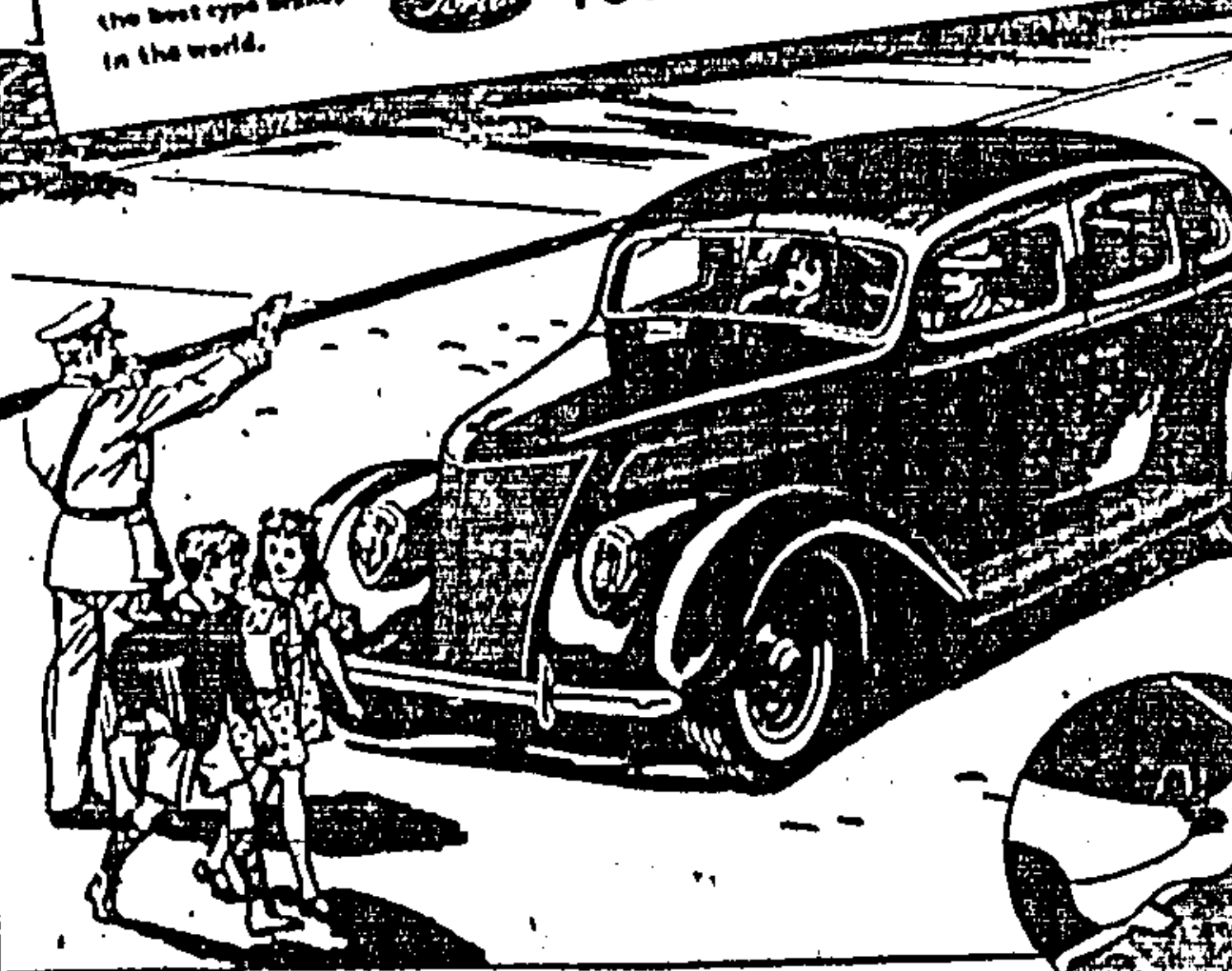
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## O'REILLY TROUBLES BATSMEN

Brilliant Bowling Performance

Adelaide, Dec. 10.

A brilliant spell of bowling by W. J. O'Reilly, who took five wickets for one run, brought about a remarkable change of fortune in the Sheffield Shield match between New South Wales and South Australia here to-day.

New South Wales lost their four wickets for 45 runs and were all out for 337. South Australia made a good start and, with the total at 145 for one, looked like making a big score. Then O'Reilly found his length and sent back five batsmen at a cost of one run. South Australia's total at the close of play was 163 for six.

After losing C. L. Badcock, who made only two, South Australia made good progress with R. S. Whittington and D. G. Bradman together for the second wicket. Both played cautiously, and so well set did they look that it seemed possible they might play out time. The reappearance of O'Reilly, however, brought disaster for the home side. Whittington was the first to go, being caught by Fingleton after scoring 54. Robinson followed and was bowled before scoring, and Bradman was the next to fall, being caught for 61. White and Walker went the way of the other batsmen, and stumps were drawn shortly afterwards.

## \$1 Putter Wins Owner \$2,100

Los Angeles Golf Tournament

Los Angeles, Jan. 10. Using a putter which he bought at a junk shop for \$1, Jimmy Thompson, with a score of 272, won \$2,100 of the \$7,500 Open Golf Tournament here to-day.

Johnny Revolta, with a score of 277, won \$1,200, while W. Lawson Little and Henry Picard tied with cards of 278 each.—United Press.



A scene in "Melody for Two," now showing at the King's Theatre, in which James Melton and Patricia Ellis are co-starred. A famous radio favourite, Melton comes to the screen for the third time.

## WIRELESS OPERATOR TELLS OF FALL OF TSINGTAO

Hankow, Jan. 11. The Japanese landing at Tsingtao has been officially confirmed by the Chinese. An heroic wireless operator at the Tsingtao radio station sent the last message from Tsingtao to Hankow, reporting "Japanese blue-jackets started landing at 10.45 a.m. If possible I will communicate again this afternoon."

Hankow tried to call Tsingtao in the afternoon, but received no answer.—United Press.

## FINED FOR TAKING TOW FROM STEAMER

A total of \$130 in fines were inflicted on six Chinese boat people when they appeared before Cmdr. G. F. Hole, Harbour Master, in the Marine Court this morning.

Lance Sergeant MacKenzie prosecuting, said that the defendants had their boats made fast to the Hai Lee while the ship was still under way, without the permission of the Master or Officer in charge of the vessel.

The second and sixth defendants, who had previous convictions, were fined \$40 each, the fourth defendant \$20 and the rest \$10 each.

## AUSTRALIA WANTS MIGRANTS FROM NORTH EUROPE

Melbourne, Jan. 10. A suggestion that the projected Commonwealth Migration Policy should entail encouragement of migrants from northern Europe is made by the political correspondent of the Melbourne Herald.

The paper states that the Commonwealth appreciates the difficulties of skilled workers from Britain, and adds the feeling is growing among many members of the Cabinet that migrants from Germany, Holland and Scandinavia would make admirable citizens.—Reuter Special.

## FLYING SQUADRON ON NEW LAP TO AUSTRALIA

London, Jan. 10. The flying boats of No. 204 General Reconnaissance Squadron of the Royal Air Force, which left Plymouth on December 2, left Singapore to-day in accordance with schedule on a further stage of a flight to Sydney, Australia, where they will take part in the New South Wales 150th anniversary celebrations on January 26.—British Wireless.

## HERO OF VARSITY TUSSELE

(Continued from Page 8.)

to travel to foggy Twickenham, but the plain truth is that they were a beaten fifteen within a few minutes of the kick-off.

### LICKED, HUMBLLED

They were licked and humbled and removed from Oxford's path chiefly because their well-known triangle was throttled long before it could ever get on the move.

The person principally responsible for this was Freakes, who until very recently was Oxford's full-back.

Recently he was at left-centre, and if there is justice on earth he will be hoisted on high when he returns to Oxford—hoisted and applauded because his tackling was not only deadly, but among the most ever seen at famed Twickenham.

The tactics of the Cambridge back division were so completely mechanical and orthodox that they really offered themselves as a sacrifice to the Oxford defence, but even this did not harm the game as a spectacle.

### THEY DISAPPOINTED

The second half was better than the first for there were frequently movements that proved that the open game in Rugby has not become an entirely lost art.

Cambridge had infinitely the better of the tight scrums, heeling from nine out of ten, but that was the limit of their superiority. Their backs got going only to be mowed down like chaff in a gale, and they never looked like scoring save when Bruce-Lockhart dropped his neat and smart goal.

Cambridge were a great disappointment to all and sundry, perhaps even to the King who is himself a Cambridge man, and who was present to witness the downfall of his varsity.

In every way it was a grand match, and the only slowness was contributed by the band when they played the National Anthem. On each occasion the big crowd was ahead of it by two lengths at the finish.

Prince Obolensky, the speedy Oxford wing, was scarcely seen, the ball unfortunately not running his way. The only real opportunity he had came late in the game and he was then brought down with a Soccer trip.

Mayhew stood out as the man of the day, but close behind him were Cooke, the Oxford scrum-half, and Roden. Those who will not want to remember the Varsity match of 1937 are the Cambridge triangle.

## M.C.C. COMMISSION MAKES ITS REPORT

### COMPREHENSIVE SURVEY

By H. J. Henley

After nine months of careful study the commission "appointed by the Marylebone Cricket Club at the request of the Advisory County Cricket Committee to investigate the problems confronting the counties taking part in the First-Class County Cricket Championship" have produced their report. It is long, it is complicated, it is many-sided, and it contains no bombshells. The commissioners, W. Findlay, R. C. N. Parlairet, and R. H. Mallett, do not wave the red flag of revolution. They have approached cricket as a great game, too complex and honoured to be lightly despoiled, not as a mere recreation for the mob, which can be "jazzed" to suit the mood of an hour.

In considering their viewpoints and their recommendations it is necessary to recall the situation which led to the creation of the commission. At the end of the season of 1936, after a series of wet, bleak summers, many county clubs were in a desperate state of poverty. The wolf which had been kept at bay for so long was at the doorway at last, and it looked as if some of the committee were prepared to adopt any wilful scheme which seemed to have even a remote chance of increasing "gate". They had forgotten, as the commissioners generally do in such circumstances, that their troubles were in a big measure caused by the bad weather, which had equally affected the hire of boats on the rivers, the ice-cream trade, seaside boarding houses and hotels, and everything else which depends upon sunshine for profit. But the counties only saw that their balance-sheets were bad and a crisis approaching rapidly. So they did what they generally do in times of trouble and turned to the M.C.C. for aid.

The commissioners had many schemes brought before them, but they have carefully refrained from recommending the more drastic forms of "reform," such as allowing the visiting team to bat first instead of tossing for innings, period play, two-day matches, a longer over, and a method of promotion and relegation from teams of different divisions. Indeed, of the changes they do recommend that are more directly concerned with the manner of play as distinct from financial jugglery, two present any cause for reasonable objection. Of these, one applies to what is known as "negative length," the other to a reduction in the number of first-class counties.

In regard to "negative length," they contend that much of the dull play is caused by the bowlers rather than by the batsmen, and they suggest that a line or lines should be drawn across the wicket, beyond which bowlers would be required to pitch the ball, or be penalised in some way, presumably by being "no-balled." But here we are on very slippery ground. The spot where "negative length" meets the ground differs appreciably with the pace of the pitch and the speed of different bowlers. Are we, then, to have half a dozen lines drawn across the wicket, or is a groundman, armed with brush and bucket and white-wash, to rush forth periodically and change the position of the line? Moreover, an accurate bowler would soon learn to pitch the ball mechanically an inch or two over the line, and still be negative in effect but not in law. Consider, too, the unfortunate umpire. He cannot have eyes everywhere. There are too many snags here for comfort.

### LINE FOR BOWLING?

No doubt balls short of a length used persistently do slow down the scoring, although the many batsmen who now play right back to everything and regard a forward push stroke as old-fashioned, cannot be considered innocent parties. They turn into "negative" bowling de-

have eventually to sanction all proposals, but what the Advisory Committee pass it never turned down. So if the counties consider that they have not a satisfactory Championship they have only themselves to blame.

### TEST MATCH PROFITS

The first part of the commissioners' report, which is devoted to finance, with especial attention paid to the manner of allotting Test match profits, will be more to the taste of financiers than to the average follower of cricket, and the question of county "gates" and the advisability or otherwise of passing on to the public the entertainment tax, is purely the concern of the club officials, who are at liberty to make their own decisions. More important from the spectators' point of view are the suggestions in regard to hours of play—the intervals, and other matters connected with the clock. The commissioners have done especially good work in stressing the evils of wasting time—surely the quickest way to irritate a crowd—and they would rearrange matters that no tea interval could be taken shortly after the interval between innings, and remove the frittering away of five minutes here or there which at present happens so wantonly. They would also cause it to be impossible for hours of play to be altered at the will of the teams on the third day, and make it a rule for the in-going batsman on all occasions to meet the out-going batsman before he enters the pavilion. Everyone who follows cricket will greet all this with hearty approval. Intervals illegally prolonged do not benefit the players, and there is no excuse for dawdling. It is a pity that a suggestion is not made to prevent refreshment from being taken out on the field between the refreshment intervals except on very exceptional occasions.

The commissioners point out that their recommendations have not yet been considered by any of the governing bodies, and no doubt before any changes are definitely made in the conduct of the game much will be whittled away and many a suggestion turned down. But if they succeed in bringing home to the counties even the importance of punctuality the commission will have been worth while. "WATCH-MAN."

## SPORT ADVTS.

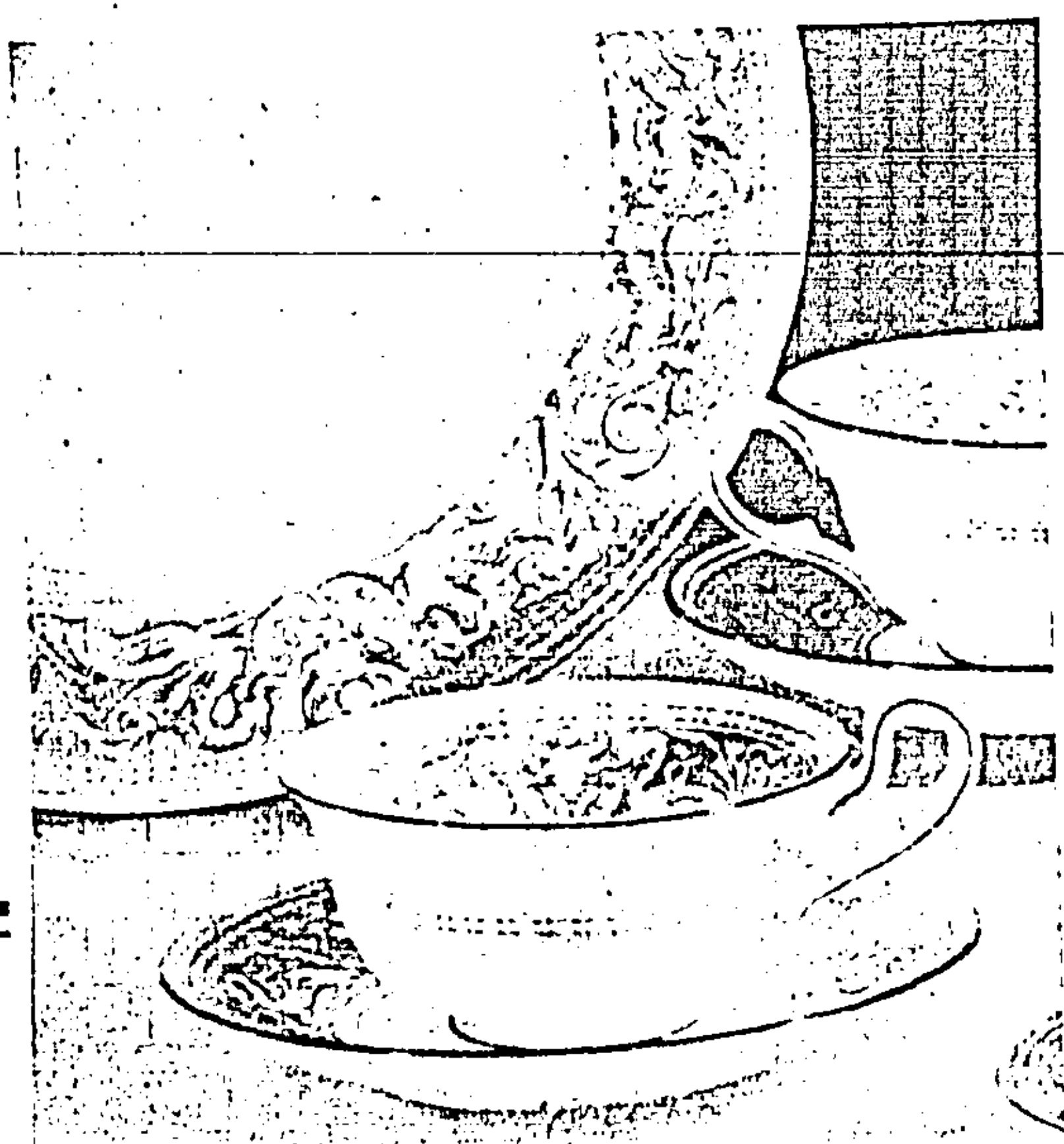
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# HAPPENINGS AS SEEN BY THE CAMERA'S EYE



**MARVEL ON BLADES**—Many nations were represented in the Winter Sports Carnival in Madison Square Garden, Dec. 7-11. Here is a striking action picture of Vera Hruba, Czechoslovakian figure skating champion, as she practiced at a New York rink in preparation for the contests. Miss Hruba is widely known in European ice-skating centres.



**HELD AT ELLIS ISLAND**—Arriving in New York to join a night club revue, Magda de Fontanges, who shot Count Charles Plinston de Chambrun at a Paris railway station last March, over her avowed romance with Premier Mussolini of Italy, was taken by Immigration authorities to Ellis Island. She is shown above as she awaited a hearing. She is under a year's suspended sentence.



**HE TALKS A SECRET**—Viscount Halifax, Lord President of the British Council, kept results of his recent visit to Germany a carefully guarded secret, refusing to say what chance of friendly co-operation between the two nations had developed. Above, at right, he is bid adieu by Joachim von Ribbentrop, German Ambassador, as he left Victoria Station, London, for Germany.

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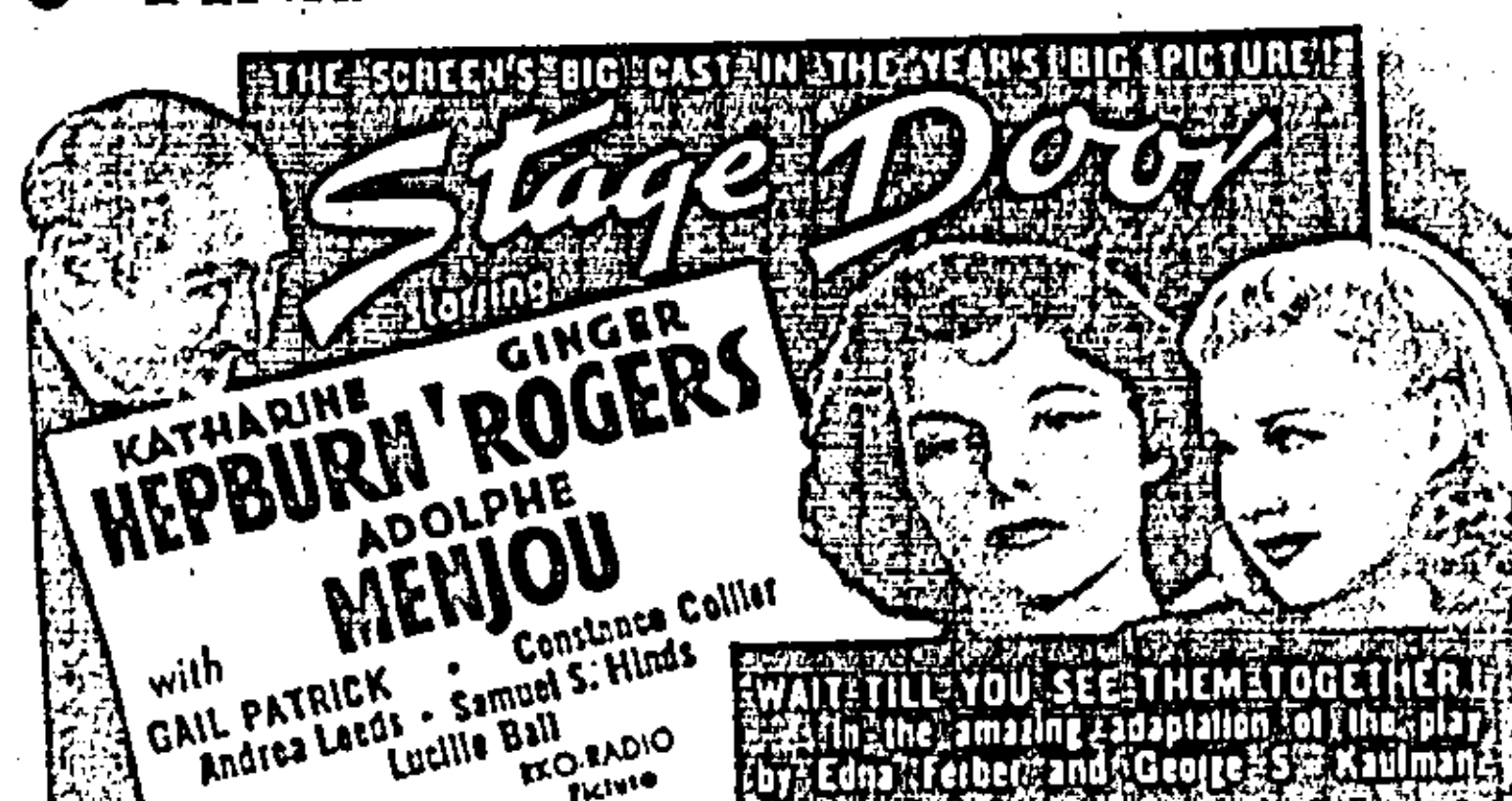
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## Congress Says "No" To Referendum

Government's Hands  
Are Left Untied

Washington, Jan. 10. The Administration scored a victory in the House of Representatives when a vote of 209 to 188 bottled up the Ludlow Committee which proposed the war referendum, for the remainder of the session, preventing the sponsors of the amendment from emerging on the floor of the House.

The Speaker of the House, Mr. Bankhead said: "I measure my words when I say that this is the greatest question submitted to Congress since I became a member more than 20 years ago."

Representative Rayburn said: "The adoption of this resolution will do more to plunge the United States into war than any action Congress has taken."—United Press.

### ROOSEVELT OPPOSES

Washington, Jan. 10. A letter from President Franklin Roosevelt warning Congress that the proposed war referendum would "cripple any President in his conduct of our foreign relations" was read to-day to the House of Representatives.

The letter added that such an amendment would encourage others to believe they could violate American rights with impunity.—Reuter.

### SPEAKER DENOUNCES REFERENDUM

Washington, Jan. 10. The leaders of the House subsequently joined with the President in condemning the amendment, and Representative Bankhead left the Speaker's rostrum to speak against it. He said he was not willing that his colleagues should "abandon the judgment of the farmers of our Constitution and say the people were no longer willing to trust their chosen representatives or the chief executive of the United States, who loves peace as much as any man in the world."

It is very seldom that Mr. Bankhead takes the floor to discuss legislative proposals.—Reuter.

## STOP PRESS

## SHANGHAI RESIDENTS ASKING FOR FIRM STAND BY BRITAIN

London, Jan. 11.

Mr. A. C. Moreing, M.P., Chairman of the China Committee saw Mr. Neville Chamberlain, the Prime Minister, for 20 minutes this afternoon, to whom he conveyed the representations received from British residents in China urging the Government not to yield to the various Japanese demands, and offering the opinion that with the backing of the British and American governments, the Shanghai Municipal Council was prepared to stand firm against the Japanese demands to strengthen Japanese representation on the Council.

The representations also expressed apprehension lest the Government allow temporary concessions to the Japanese.

Sir Alexander Cadogan, Under-Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs, gave an interesting luncheon to-day to Mr. Quo Tai-ching, Chinese Ambassador, Sir Hubert Clark Kerr, the new British Ambassador to China, and Sir Hugh Knatchbull-Hugessen, the former British Ambassador to China, who was wounded by Japanese machine-gun bullets.—Reuter.

### Must Make Distinction

London, Jan. 11. In connection with the Japanese demands for more representation on the Shanghai Municipal Council and other concessions.

The Japanese feel it is necessary to make a distinction between such temporary measures as may be needed and any changes of a more general character which cannot be considered hastily, and must only be considered through normal procedure. Thus, though it may be possible the Council will go some way in meeting the Japanese desires, the measures will be temporary. It must be understood they are only temporary. In other words the Council is limited in action to the immediate concern of maintaining law and order without prejudicing the rights of the interested powers.—Reuter.

### CALL ON PRIME MINISTER

London, Jan. 11. Sir Hugh Knatchbull-Hugessen, who arrived in London only a few days ago, called on the Prime Minister, Mr. Neville Chamberlain, at No. 10 Downing Street to-day. He was with the Prime Minister for twenty minutes.

The new Ambassador, Sir Kerr Clark Kerr, called at No. 10 Downing Street a short time later.—Reuter.

### TIME INAPPROPRIATE FOR S.M.C. CHANGES

London, Jan. 10. Questions arising out of the Japanese demands in Shanghai for an increased share in the Administration of the International Settlement are the subject of a consultation between representatives there of interested powers.

The view expressed here is that under the present circumstances in Shanghai, the atmosphere is inappropriate for considering permanent changes in this direction. On the other hand it is freely recognised that it is the duty of the Council to spare no effort to maintain peace and order within the Settlement and to suppress all forms of anti foreign activity.—British Wireless.

### OFFICIAL REPORT OF MAN-HANDLING INCIDENT

London, Jan. 10. Full particulars now have been received in official quarters in London regarding assaults on certain British members of the Shanghai Municipal Police which took place on January 6, and in connection with which the British Consul General, Mr. Herbert Phillips, has addressed a letter of protest to the Japanese Consul General.

One of the victims of the assault was probationary Sergeant Turner who was on duty at the east barrier, and requested a Japanese police officer to remonstrate with the men whom he considered were unnecessarily rough with Chinese peasants passing through. When the Japanese policeman refused, Turner left, saying he would report the matter.

The Japanese constable alleged he had insulted the Japanese army and incited the soldiers to attack Turner, who, in the subsequent assault, suffered injuries necessitating hospital treatment.

Sub-Inspector Fowler, and Mr. Inspector West arrived to try and calm the Japanese officials but were themselves assaulted, Fowler being struck in the face. They were also threatened with rifles by Japanese soldiers. Turner denied he used any offensive remarks. In his letter of protest Mr. Phillips requests that the Japanese Consul General will endeavour to arrange a strict inquiry into the incident and asks for an assurance that suitable action will be taken to avoid a repetition of such disturbances.—British Wireless.

### BRITAIN'S EXPERTS FOR TRADE PARLEY

London, Jan. 10. Sir Ronald Lindsay and Mr. A. E. Overton, the United Kingdom delegates to the forthcoming trade negotiations with the United States delegates, will be assisted by officers of the Board of Trade and other departments.

Mr. H. O. Chalkley will be adviser to the delegation, and it is expected the discussions will be at Washington about the middle of February.—Reuter.

## CHINESE SURROUND HANGCHOW

Japanese Rushing  
Reinforcements  
To Save Situation

### GUERRILLA TACTICS

Shanghai, Jan. 11.

Chinese reports state that Japanese reinforcements from northern and eastern Anhwei are en route to Hangchow which is now surrounded by Chinese troops.

The Japanese army is delaying its northward advance along the Tientsin-Pukow-Huainan railways due to the Hangchow situation.

Chinese guerrilla troops have been active in the central section of the Nanking-Hangchow highway.—United Press.

### GUERRILLA TROOPS' SUCCESSES

Shanghai, Jan. 11.

Chinese reports state that a mobile unit of 2,000 Chinese guerrilla troops have recaptured Chihhsien and Hengshui in southern Hopei. The guerrilla fighters and regular troops made a swift attack on Taming but failed to dislodge the Japanese.

It is reported that the majority of Japanese troops at Peking in Hopei, Yehnan in Chahar and Kwangtung in Shansi have been sent to Shanghai to aid the southward Japanese drive. On Sunday reinforced Chinese troops in Shanghai repulsed a Japanese attack and drove back the invaders for ten miles after 20 hours of sanguinary fighting.

Chinese guerrilla troops are impeding the Japanese advance northward from Chihhsien and Luho.—United Press.

### AWAITING ORDERS

Shanghai, Jan. 11.

A Japanese military spokesman said that all fronts were quiet with the Japanese troops ready for the next operations "when necessary arises." It is believed the troops are waiting for the decision of the imperial conference at Tokyo.—United Press.

### CHINESE GAINS IN SHANTUNG

Hsuechow, Jan. 11.

After defeating the Japanese troops which attacked Taining, the Chinese forces on the left flank of the Tientsin-Pukow Railway in Shantung are reported to be pushing vigorously toward Yenchow and Ningyang in a counter-offensive. Simultaneously the Chinese units on the Tientsin-Pukow Railway, assisted by fresh reinforcements, are advancing on Tsohsien and Yenchow.

Chinese military observers place high hopes in these two Chinese columns composed of crack troops. They have a good chance of halting the Japanese advance in Shantung. Military advisers just received here state that Hsuechow were both recaptured by the Chinese mobile units operating in that area.—Central News.

## BRITON MURDERED BY ARABS

Dastardly Outrage  
Near Jerusalem

Jerusalem, Jan. 10. Mr. J. L. Starkey, British archaeologist, visiting Palestine, was killed in a highway hold-up near Hebron to-day.

Mr. Starkey, at the head of a field expedition, was sent out by the Wellcome Research Institution, and he had been excavating at Lachish, near Hebron.

It is learned that Mr. Starkey, accompanied by two Arab assistants, was travelling in a car to Jerusalem from Lachish, when an armed gang of Arabs, who ordered the Englishman to alight, compelled him to march ahead. They then shot him twice, but his Arab assistants were spared.—Reuter Special.

Loss of an overcoat, valued at \$45, at the dressing-room of the U.S.I.C. has been reported to the police by Lt. Hawkings, R. E.

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